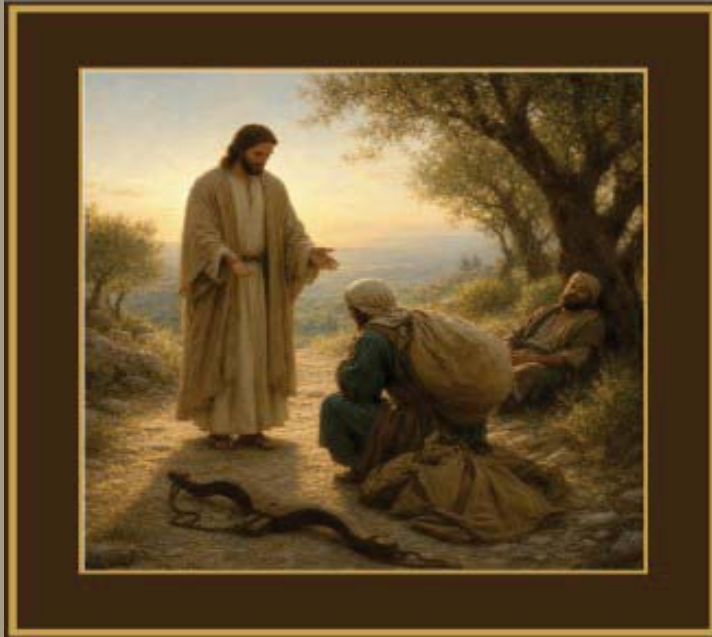


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MASS SCHEDULE

**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*)

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Wed-Sat. | 9:00 a.m.

**Daily Mass: Portuguese**

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**Parish Pastoral Council**

The Pastoral Council helps Fr. Bert with practical parish matters. Please send ideas, talent, expertise or feedback to

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*Note: this email is checked weekly and the PPC meets every 6-8 weeks. For immediate pastoral needs, contact the appropriate clergy or staff above.*

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# The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Processional Hymn: Missal #316 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

**Kyrie:** Missal p. 35

**Gloria:** Missal p. 35

**Offertory Hymn: Come to Me**

*(Weston Priory, Gregory Norbet, OSB)*

**Refrain:** Come to me, all who labor and are heavy burdened,  
and I shall give you rest.  
Take up my yoke and learn from me,  
for I am meek and humble of heart,  
and you'll find rest for your souls.  
Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

**Verse 1:** You, God, are my shepherd. I shall never be in need.  
Fresh and green are the meadows where you give me rest. **(Refrain)**

**Verse 2:** Beside peaceful waters you restore my true self;  
there you lead me to walk in the path of new life. **(Refrain)**

**Verse 3:** Should I be surrounded by the shadows of death,  
I will not fear, for you are steadfast in your love. **(Refrain)**



**Communion Hymn: Missal #255 Lord, Who at They First Eucharist**

**Hymn of Praise:**

**DONA NOBIS PACEM**

Gregory Norbet

Refrain

Do - na no - bis pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

1-6 to Verses | Final 2

bis pa - cem. cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

4 | Verses

1. Give us peace, God, \_\_\_ peace for  
2. God of near - ness, \_\_\_ God of  
3. Set us free, God, from mind-less  
4. You re - new us \_\_\_ with great  
5. Be our breath, God, \_\_\_ deep and  
6. Ma - ra - na - tha: \_\_\_ come to

to Refrain

1. all, like a riv - er run - ning free - ly. \_\_\_  
2. life, you are with us; we re - jice. \_\_\_  
3. ways; guide us in pur - su - ing good. \_\_\_  
4. love; God a - mong us: this our joy! \_\_\_  
5. pure; feed our hun - ger for your truth. \_\_\_  
6. us with your heal - ing gift of peace. \_\_\_

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**Prayer to St. Michael The Archangel (all): See the back cover of the Missal.**

**Recessional Hymn: Missal #117 America the Beautiful**

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As we celebrate Independence Day 2026, many of us are spending time with family, watching fireworks, attending cookouts, and pausing—however brief—to give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy as Americans. The Fourth of July reminds us of something we deeply value: freedom.

But this weekend's readings invite us to ask a deeper question: What does true freedom actually look like?

Our culture often defines freedom as independence—being self-sufficient, in control, and accountable to no one. We admire hustle, productivity, power, and the ability to “handle it all.” We wear busyness almost like a badge of honor.

How often do we hear—or say—things like:

“I’m exhausted.”

“I’m overwhelmed.”

“I’m barely keeping up.”

“I just need to push through.”

Many of us are carrying far more than we let others see.

Into that reality, Jesus speaks words that feel almost startling in today's world:

*“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.”*

Not productivity.

Not another strategy.

Not a life hack.

Rest.

That word can feel foreign to us.

In the Gospel, Jesus offers something profoundly countercultural. In a world that glorifies hustle, power, and independence, He offers humility, surrender, and true rest.

That may sound passive, but it is anything but weak.

The first reading from Zechariah gives us a striking image of the Messiah: a king entering not on a war horse, but humbly, riding on a donkey. Ancient kings displayed power through military strength, conquest, and domination. Yet Jesus reveals a completely different kind of kingship.

He leads through humility.

He conquers through love.

He reigns through peace.

That is not how the world typically defines strength.

And if we're honest, many of us struggle with surrender because we prefer control (this is me). We want to manage every outcome, solve every problem, and carry every burden ourselves (me again). But St. Paul reminds us in Romans that we are not meant to live according to the flesh—that anxious, self-reliant part of us that believes everything depends on us alone. We are called to live by the Spirit.

That means asking a hard but important question:

What burden am I carrying that I have not surrendered to Christ?

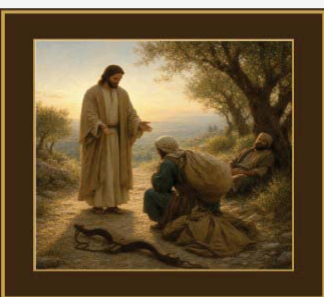
Maybe it is stress about work.

Maybe it is fear about the future.

Maybe it is grief, family tension, financial pressure, or quiet exhaustion.

Jesus does not say, “Fix yourself first, then come to me.”

He simply says: Come.



This week, I invite you to try something practical. Once each day, pause for just sixty seconds. Put down your phone. Silence the noise. Take one slow breath and pray:

“Jesus, I give You what I’m carrying today.”

That simple act can become a spiritual reset.

This Fourth of July, we rightly celebrate national freedom. But the deepest freedom is not political—it is spiritual. True freedom is not merely the ability to do whatever we want. True freedom is being free from the burdens that keep us from becoming who God created us to be.

And that freedom begins when we stop trying to carry everything alone and finally allow Christ to carry us.

## A Message from Our Clergy

*Deacon Jared*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat. July 4	4 pm	St. Michael Parishioners
Sun. July 5	8 am	Private Intention
Sun. July 5	10 am	Mark and Maryann Thoman (Living)
Wed. July 8	9 am	Thanksgiving Mass for Nilda Bernales (Living)
Thur. July 9	9 am	Nancy Diaz Orihula
Fri. July 10	9 am	John Crossman & Mary Crossmann Denine
Sat. July 11	9 am	Maria Terese Mauricio
Sat. July 11	4 pm	Private Intention
Sun. July 12	8 am	William, Priscilla, and David Aucoin
Sun. July 12	10 am	St. Michael Parishioners

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*For weekend Masses in memory of loved ones, please know  
that the families of the deceased are invited to bring up the gifts of  
bread and wine to the altar during the offertory.*

*Please arrive 10 minutes prior to the Mass and speak to  
Father Bert and the head usher about your request.*



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If you would like to reserve a Mass, sponsor a month's supply of Altar Candles or Bread & Wine in honor/memory of someone, please call the parish office.

**Suggested stipends: Altar Candles \$50 | Bread & Wine \$75.**



**MATRIMONY**

Contact the parish office to make an appointment with a member of the clergy **at least eight months prior to the desired wedding date.**

**MASS WHILE AWAY ON VACATION**

Friendly reminder to all that going to Mass every Sunday, even while on vacation is our obligation as Catholics. Jesus tells us: "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them." Going to Mass every Sunday and Holy Days is obeying the 3rd Commandment to keep Holy the Sabbath, even while your family is out of town.

To find Mass times wherever you are vacationing, go to [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org), enter your vacation town/zip code and you will see a list of nearby Catholic parishes.

When your family is not out of town, we look forward to seeing you here at your home parish.

Have a restful summer !

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Collections

**Jul 5** Maintenance & Development

**Jul 12** No Second Collection

**Jul 19** Victims of the Venezuela Earthquake



## Welcome Hannah Smillie, our new St. Michael Parish Administrative Assistant.

Hello! My name is Hannah Smillie, and I am honored to join St. Michael Parish as your new Administrative Assistant. I am a practicing Catholic and have lived in the surrounding community my entire life. I attended Trivium School, received my sacraments at St. John the Guardian of Our Lady, in Clinton, and later earned my Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts from Thomas Aquinas College.

My professional background includes experience in customer service, organization, and administration, and I am grateful for the opportunity to use those skills in service to the parish. I look forward to welcoming parishioners, supporting the ministries of St. Michael Parish, and getting to know all of you. Please don't hesitate to stop by the parish office to say hello-I look forward to meeting you!



## Welcome HelenMarie Choiniere, our new St. Michael Parish Coordinator of Religious Education



Helen Marie Choiniere attended Catholic elementary school in Miami, Fl., where she encountered the love of Our Lord Jesus and His Blessed Mother Mary. As a young child, she dedicated herself to the service of Jesus and Mary. In her young adulthood, she pursued collegiate studies in Fine Art, receiving a bachelors and masters degree. She taught as a professor of Fine Art for nine years, while also joyfully fulfilling her vocation of motherhood—her greatest vocation. The blessing of motherhood inspired Helen Marie to become an elementary school teacher. She has held teaching and administrative positions in public, private and Catholic schools for the past thirty years.

Helen Marie believes that there is nothing more precious on earth (except for the presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament) than the gift of children. She is committed to the renewal of Catholic education, supporting families in their role as primary educators of their children, and answering the call to sainthood. Helen Marie happily resides in Shrewsbury with her husband John, and is a parishioner at Saint Mary Church! Ave Maria! She enjoys Adoration, birding, swimming, and playing the guitar around the campfire. She is looking forward to praying, singing and working alongside you to help build God's One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church! St Michael the Archangel, pray for us!



# Volunteer Teachers for Faith Formation

The ***St. Michael Faith Formation Team*** joyfully invites you to discern joining our mission as a volunteer teacher, substitute teacher or assistant. Our mission reflects the truth, beauty and goodness of our holy Catholic church:

***St. Michael's religious education program is a sanctuary of Catholic learning where children and adults grow in virtue, wisdom and the joy of encountering Jesus Christ in their own lives. Through true devotion to Mother Mary we dedicate ourselves to answering the call of sainthood.***

The children in our religious education program *expectantly await those who:*

want to grow in their love of Jesus and Mary  
love serving and learning about His Holy Catholic Church  
love helping children encounter Jesus Christ and His Immaculate Mother Mary

***St. Michael Faith Formation*** volunteers will receive supportive classroom and curriculum training and grow in their faith through participation in mini-spiritual retreats, including an optional pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy, in Stockbridge MA. Classes will be held **three Sundays per month**, after the Masses.

***\*Teen volunteers are invited to participate as Teacher Assistants\****

Feel free to email [helenmarie@stmikes.org](mailto:helenmarie@stmikes.org) with questions or to answer the call.

***“The angel said to her, “For nothing will be impossible with God.” Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Luke 1:37-38***

# Upcoming Events at St. Michael's

FRIDAY, JULY 3 - Parish Office Closed for July 4 holiday. Please note Adoration on this first Friday evening is cancelled due to the Holiday.

SUNDAY, JULY 12— At the conclusion of the Masses a sister for the Sisters of Good News will be speaking about human trafficking and the good work being done at the O'Connell House in Lowell.

TUESDAY, JULY 21 - Ladies Sodality Meeting 1PM – 2PM in Parish Center (Basement Meeting Space).

## Summer Projects:

### Parish is in Need of Some Carpentry Work

St Michael's is in need of contractors/carpenters from our community that could do some repair work around the church, particularly on the arched roofs above each of the front doors.

Also, if you have some wood working skills and want to donate some of your time to the parish, we have projects not requiring high skill to be completed this summer as well.

Please contact Deacon Chuck with how you can help at [deacon\\_chuck@stmikes.org](mailto:deacon_chuck@stmikes.org).

## Adult Confirmation Classes

If you were baptized Catholic, received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, but were never Confirmed, you might consider signing up for one of our Adult Confirmation Classes.

We are trying to create a list in order to determine interest and find an agreeable month to start.

Classes run for 4 Thursdays of a month, from 7-8pm in the Parish Center, and pre-registration is required. For more details, or to register please contact Lori in the Parish Center.

## Upcoming Events in the Archdiocese



The Healing & Restoration Ministry  
**Saturday afternoon Healing Services**  
**Mission Church**

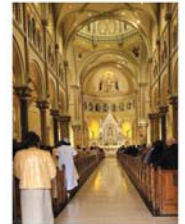
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## Brazilian & Portuguese Community Information

Ao celebrarmos o Dia da Independência de 2026, muitos de nós passamos tempo com a família, assistimos a fogos de artifício, participamos de churrascos e fizemos uma pausa — ainda que breve — para agradecer pelas liberdades de que desfrutamos como americanos. O 4 de Julho nos lembra de algo que valorizamos profundamente: a liberdade. Mas as leituras deste fim de semana nos convidam a fazer uma pergunta mais profunda: como é, de fato, a verdadeira liberdade? Nossa cultura frequentemente define liberdade como independência — ser autossuficiente, estar no controle e não prestar contas a ninguém. Admiramos o ritmo frenético, a produtividade, o poder e a capacidade de "dar conta de tudo". Exibimos a vida atarefada quase como uma medalha de honra.

Com que frequência ouvimos — ou dizemos — coisas como:

“Estou exausto.”

“Estou sobrecarregado.”

“Mal estou conseguindo dar conta de tudo.”

“Só preciso seguir em frente e aguentar firme.”

Muitos de nós carregamos muito mais do que deixamos os outros verem.

Diante dessa realidade, Jesus pronuncia palavras que parecem quase surpreendentes no mundo de hoje:

“Venham a mim, todos vocês que estão cansados e sobrecarregados, e eu lhes darei descanso.”

Não produtividade.

Não mais uma estratégia.

Não um truque de produtividade.

Descanso.

Essa palavra pode nos parecer estranha.

No Evangelho, Jesus oferece algo profundamente contracultural. Em um mundo que glorifica a agitação, o poder e a independência, Ele oferece humildade, entrega e verdadeiro descanso.

Isso pode soar passivo, mas está longe de ser fraco.

A primeira leitura de Zacarias nos dá uma imagem marcante do Messias: um rei entrando não em um cavalo de guerra, mas humildemente, montado em um jumento. Os reis antigos demonstravam poder por meio da força militar, da conquista e da dominação. No entanto, Jesus revela um tipo de realeza completamente diferente.

Ele lidera com humildade.

Ele conquista com amor.

Ele reina com paz.

Não é assim que o mundo normalmente define força.

E, sendo sinceros, muitos de nós temos dificuldade em nos entregar porque preferimos o controle (esse sou eu). Queremos gerenciar cada desfecho, resolver cada problema e carregar cada fardo por conta própria (eu, de novo). Mas São Paulo nos lembra, em Romanos, que não fomos feitos para viver segundo a carne — aquela parte ansiosa e autossuficiente de nós que acredita que tudo depende apenas de nós mesmos. Somos chamados a viver pelo Espírito.

Isso significa fazer uma pergunta difícil, porém importante:

Que fardo estou carregando que ainda não entreguei a Cristo?

Talvez seja o estresse com o trabalho.

Talvez seja o medo do futuro.

Talvez seja o luto, a tensão familiar, a pressão financeira ou um esgotamento silencioso.

Jesus não diz: “Conserte-se primeiro e depois venha a mim”.

Ele simplesmente diz: Venha.

Nesta semana, convido você a experimentar algo prático. Uma vez por dia, faça uma pausa de apenas sessenta segundos. Deixe o celular de lado. Silencie o ruído. Respire fundo e devagar, e ore: “Jesus, entrego a Ti o que estou carregando hoje”.

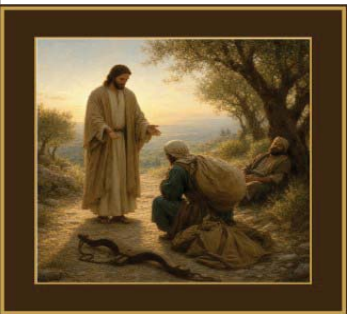
Esse gesto simples pode se tornar uma renovação espiritual.

Neste 4 de julho, celebramos com razão a liberdade nacional. Mas a liberdade mais profunda não é política — é espiritual. A verdadeira liberdade não é apenas a capacidade de fazer o que bem entendemos. A verdadeira liberdade é estar livre dos fardos que nos impedem de nos tornar quem Deus nos criou para ser.

E essa liberdade começa quando paramos de tentar carregar tudo sozinhos e finalmente permitimos que Cristo nos carregue.

### Uma Mensagem do Nosso Clero

*Deacon Jared*



## Brazilian & Portuguese Community Information

14 Domingo do Tempo Comum.

A litúrgia deste Domingo ensina-nos onde encontrar Deus. Garante-nos que Deus não Se revela na arrogância, no orgulho, na prepotência, mas sim na simplicidade, na humildade, na pobreza e na pequenez.  
"Jesus manso e humilde de coração fazer nosso coração semelhante ao Vosso".

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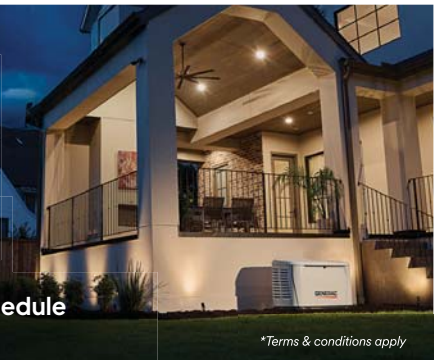
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