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SUNDAY IN LENT

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT February 21, 2010

Today's first reading describes the offering of first fruits the people of Israel were to present to the Lord in thanksgiving for their deliverance from Egypt and the gift of the promised land. Is my offering at today's Mass an appropriate response to the many blessings the Lord has given me?

St. Michael's Catholic Church Updates

BISHOP'S ANNUAL MINISTRIES APPEAL

Thank you to the four families who have already pledged to support the Mission of the Church to teach, preach, minister and serve in the name of Jesus through their financial contribution to the 2010 Bishop's Annual Ministries Appeal. This represents approximately 2% of the parishioners who were sent the BAMA material, \$360.00 has been pledged and \$360.00 collected. St. Michael's goal is \$5,300. If you have not yet made your pledge, you may do so either by mailing your envelope to the parish office or putting it in the collection basket. If you did not receive a pledge envelope, some are available at the entrance of the church. Thank you.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



We pray the devotion of the Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 7:00 pm in St. Michael's Church. This is a beautiful commemoration of Christ's Passion and death, taking less than one half an hour, but so powerful. Please join us.

LENTEN OBLIGATIONS

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. Abstinence means we do not eat meat. The obligation to abstain on the appointed days begins the day after your fourteenth birthday. Fasting means that we eat only one full meal on the fast day. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days when we are obliged to fast. Two other light meals are permitted, but eating between meals is not permitted. You are obliged to observe the fast from the day after your eighteenth birthday until the day after your fifty-ninth birthday.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER DANCE & AUCTION



Tickets for the St. Patrick's Dinner Dance will be on sale the weekend of 2-27/28 & 3-6/7, after the Masses. This evening is always special and a sell out. A limited number of tickets will be available. Please call Pat 338 4259 or Breda 336 5098 to reserve your place for the corn beef and cabbage dinner.

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Last week's income

Sunday Plate: \$2,030.00

Thank you for your support!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb 21	Maintenance Collection
Feb 26	Stations of the Cross 7pm
Mar 5	Stations of the Cross 7pm
Mar 12	Stations of the Cross 7pm
Mar 13	St. Patrick's Dinner & Dance
Mar 14	Catholic Relief Services Collection
	DayLight Saving Time, time changes forward
Mar 19	Stations of the Cross 7pm
Mar 21	Maintenance Collection
Mar 24	Reconciliation Service, 7:00 pm
Mar 26	Stations of the Cross 7pm
Mar 28	Palm Sunday
	Religious Education Collection
Mar 29	Chrism Mass, Salinas 11:00 am
April 1	Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm
April 2	Good Friday Collection
	Service for Good Friday Way of the Cross, 7 pm
April 3	Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 pm
April 4	Easter Sunday 10 am

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Lent began last Wednesday. As part of our community's observance of Lent, we ask all families to participate in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rise Bowl, a program of prayer, fasting learning, and giving. Please be sure to take home a Rice Bowl packet and follow this simple yet powerful Lenten practice. Visit orb.crs.org for more information.



"And this is one of the new offering envelopes for the kids"

**HEAR FROM YOUR BISHOP,
PASTOR AND THE DIOCESE**

It is now possible for you to receive direct communication from Bishop Garcia, the Diocesan Pastoral Office and your Pastor, Fr. Bob via email. You may sign up by going directly to the Diocesan website at

www.dioceseofmonterey.org

or pick up a yellow card either in your pew or at the main entrance of the church, complete the card and put it in the collection basket. This is a wonderful opportunity for everyone to receive direct information through email. If you need help or have questions, please contact the parish office and we'll do our best to help everyone.

ST. MICHAEL'S ALTAR SOCIETY NEEDS YOU

Much gratitude to parishioners who volunteer a few hours each month from their busy lives to help prepare St. Michael's for guests. Their efforts save our church thousands of dollars each year. Many more hands are needed, please contact Colette 703-4098 to volunteer for this needed service.

2009-2010 Budget

Year to Date

Income Budget per Jan	\$13,180.00
Actual Income per Jan	\$11,505.00

Expense Budget per Jan	\$11,007.00
Actual Expense per Jan.	\$10,845.00

**POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR THE
MONTH OF FEBRUARY**

General Intention: That all scholars and intellectuals may attain an understanding of the one true God through a sincere search for the truth.

Mission Intention: That the Church, aware of its own missionary identity, may strive to follow Christ faithfully and to proclaim His Gospel to all peoples.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK
SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2,10-15/Rom 10:8-13/
Lk 4:1-13
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3,4-6/Mt 16:13-19
THE CHAIR OF PETER, APOSTLE

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-7,16-19/Mt 6:7-15
*Lenten Weekday [1],
Polycarp, bishop, martyr*

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4,12-13,18-19/
Lk 11:29-32
Lenten Weekday [1]

Thursday: Est C:12,14-16,23-25/Ps 138:1-3,7-8/
Mt 7:7-12
Lenten Weekday [1]

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-8/Mt 5:20-26
Lenten Weekday [1]

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2,4-5,7-8/Mt 5:43-48
Lenten Weekday [1]

Vigil/Saturday: Gn 15:5-12,17-18/Ps 27:1,7-9,13-14/
Sunday Phil 3:17-4:1/Lk 9:28-36
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

**Mass Intentions for the week
February 21, 2010**

	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested by</u>
Saturday 20	4:00 People of the Parish	
Sunday 21	10:00 +Louis Rapoza	Jim & Diane Rapoza
Monday 22	9:00 Communion Service	
Tuesday 23	9:00 Private Intention	
Wed. 24	9:00 Private Intention	
Thursday 25	9:00 Private Intention	
Friday 26	9:00 Private Intention	

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK
MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY**

Judy Fredrickson, Sr. Jane Celest Frier, Angela Cowles, Andy Sparaza, Jim Pahler, Norma Pahler, Manuel Valdivia, Ruth Valdivia, Larry Hustedt, Bruna Odello, Rita Catamatori, Mike Edwards, April Stoeckle, Jerry Mac Callister, Mary Meyersieck, Rev. John Mc Sweeney, Dori Calby, Deena Benton, Monica Cubilla, Loriann, Eric Blenio, Hattie Gustavson, Barbara Bosio, Mary Clancy, Tom Dempsey, Charlie Horton, Odessa Ikemoto, Pola Altuna, Bob Balliet, Ginger Rey, Roberta & Richard Caldwell, Isabel Escamilla, , for those who care for them. If any members of this community know of parishioners who could be added to this list please call the rectory.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED
MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY**

In Remembrance: Terry Martin, Steve Pahler, Emily Ann Cowles, Kendal Fleck, Pat Catlin, John Sullivan, Joe Ravizza, Lina Locatelli, Vera Flanagan, Pump Puccinelli, Julie DeGregorio, John Shevenell, Rosa Dorfmeister, Rick Otanez, Bill Acuff, Tiffany Lacey, Dick Kilmartin, Ruth Blau, Carla Hendershot, Rev. Tom Agar, Laura Pund, Dennis Crowley, Patricia Ann Doyle, Margaret Sullivan, Allen McTighe, Mabel Stagnaro, Bob Alexander, Nora Lelshman, Donna Pope, Joe Alfano, Gene Krummel, Maria Andersen, Dee Oppmann, Al Leake, Wilma Gardner, Mary Wilmot, Richard Unti, Bonnie Gysen, Les Sealand, Dorothy Willie, Robert Zeh, Margaret Ford, Thomas Keane, Bob Fanella, Michele Roark, and Edith Khalil. If you have a loved one or know of someone who has recently passed, please let us know so we can remember them in our prayers.

PRAYERS FOR TROOPS OVER SEA'S

Please pray for the safety for our troops over sea:
Lt. Michelle McLaughlin Cherland.

If you have information for the bulletin please contact by email: lady Marie4@juno.com Material must be submitted the Monday before the weekend. Please remember during the holidays the material must be sent in early.