



St. Christopher Parish

February 11, 2018

St. Christopher Church

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Worship Schedule

Morning Prayer	7:00 AM Weekdays
Daily Mass	7:15 AM Weekdays
Saturday Vigil	4:00 PM
Sunday Mass	8:00 & 10:00 AM
Vietnamese Mass	3:00 PM Sunday
Confessions	3:00-3:30 PM Saturday
Rosary	7:00 PM Tuesday
Eucharistic Adoration	1:00-4:00 PM
	1st Friday of the Month
	September - June

Welcome New Parishioners! If you would like to register or you have changed your address, please fill out the form on page 5. Those moving from the parish are also asked to contact the rectory. Thank you!

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Last week we heard St. Paul saying that he was all things to all people. This week, we hear that he tried to please everyone. To modern ears, that sounds more like a used car salesman, who has just the right deal for any buyer. But that wasn't what Paul meant. The key to Paul's way of life is the last line of the second reading: "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ." (1 Cor 11:1)

Remember when Paul was still Saul, the Jew who persecuted Christians? When he was struck by lightning he heard, not thunder, but the voice of Jesus, who asked why Saul was persecuting him. Paul later began to understand that all Christians make up the body of Christ. As members of that body, we can show others what Jesus is like, by our example. That seems to be a two part process.

First, to show Christ, we have to know Christ. We can do that by reading the scriptures and praying with them. We can receive the sacraments regularly, especially Reconciliation, where we experience his forgiveness and love, and the Eucharist, where Jesus unites himself with us, so that we can become more like him.

The second part is acting like Jesus. If we want people to see Christ in us, we don't dress like him, or grow a beard. We have to do things as Jesus would: Forgive people who hurt us, care for the sick, the dying, the poor. Don't be afraid to tell people what God has done for you; encourage others to be grateful for what God has done for them. Pray with people who have difficulty talking to God.

Paul obviously didn't please everyone, or he wouldn't have ended his life in prison. He was more interested in pleasing God by spreading the Good News of Jesus' resurrection. If we can imitate Paul in that way, we can't go wrong.

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Our Parish Prayer

Heavenly Father, we pray for all of the people and programs of St. Christopher Parish. Unite us as a community of believers and grant us the wisdom, grace, and strength to do your will. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. AMEN.

Our Mission

We are a Roman Catholic parish whose members live and proclaim the saving message of Jesus Christ.

Our Vision

St. Christopher Church serves as a spiritual home where all are welcome to share in its ongoing commitment to providing opportunities for

- Worship through the celebration of the Sacraments,
- Service through active and compassionate participation in the community,
- Education in God's Word and the Catholic faith, and
- Fellowship through parish events that nurture and support family life.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 10

4:00 PM Charlotte Yencho
by Mr. & Mrs. Fitzgerald

Sunday, February 11

8:00 AM Carole Mack
by Family & Friends
10:00 AM Robert Dupuis
by Dennis, Janet, Emily,
Theresa, & Lucy Murphy
3:00 PM Vietnamese Mass

Monday, February 12

7:15 AM Deceased Members of
the Matthew Ennis
Family
by Caroline & Kathy

Tuesday, February 13

7:15 AM Walter Gagnon
by Hugh & Anne Moran

Wednesday, February 14 --

Ash Wednesday

7:15 AM Thomas Joseph Bebbington
by Michael & Andrea
Richards
9:15 AM School Mass
Janice DesLauriers
by Dan & Sue Tracy
7:00 PM Robert Dupuis
by St. Christopher Parish
Chorus

Thursday, February 15

7:15 AM Bille Wood
by Elizabeth Cote

Friday, February 16

7:15 AM For Parish Intentions

Saturday, February 17

4:00 PM For Parish Intentions

Sunday, February 18

8:00 AM Roger L. Fortin, 12th Ann.
by His Wife, Bernadette,
and Family
10:00 AM Julia Howell
by John & Alana Kocsis
3:00 PM Vietnamese Mass

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns This Week:

For Parish Intentions

Altar Bread and Wine:

The Altar Bread and Wine, which will become the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ at all Masses during February, will be offered for Parish Intentions.

Arrangements can be made to donate the monthly Altar bread and wine in honor of a loved one by contacting the rectory at 882-0632 during business hours. Mass intentions can also be scheduled by calling the rectory.



RETIREMENT OF BISHOP CHRISTIAN - On Thursday, February 1, it was announced that Pope Francis had accepted the resignation of Bishop Francis J. Christian, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Manchester, for reasons of age. He has reached the retirement age for bishops of 75.

Bishop Christian as a Bishop Emeritus will continue to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation, accept for as long as possible requests for his presence at various Masses and ceremonies throughout the diocese, and will continue to serve as Pastor of Saint Joseph Parish here in Nashua.

Bishop Christian was born October 8, 1942, the son of the late Joseph and Dorothy Christian. He was raised in Jaffrey, New Hampshire, attending schools in that town before heading off to college at Saint Anselm's in Manchester. His seminary studies took place at St. Paul's Seminary in Ottawa, Canada and at the American College of Louvain in Belgium. He earned his bachelor's degree in Philosophy in 1964, his master's degree in Theology in 1968, and a doctoral degree in Religious Studies with a specialization in Moral Theology in 1975. He was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Ernest J. Primeau, for the Diocese of Manchester on June 29, 1968, at Saint Patrick's Church in Jaffrey.

After ordination, he served for a few years as Associate Pastor at Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Merrimack, and at Saint Joseph Cathedral Parish in Manchester. He served as the Chancellor of the diocese and as diocesan Master of Ceremonies for many years before being appointed as Auxiliary Bishop of Manchester on April 2, 1996. He was ordained a bishop on May 14, 1996 at Saint Joseph Cathedral by Bishop Leo E. O'Neil.

At the time of his ordination as a bishop, I was the Pastor of Saint Patrick's Parish in Jaffrey, his home parish. A few weeks later, we had a wonderful home-coming for our 'native-son' with a special Mass of Thanksgiving and a reception

afterwards. The Mass and reception were filled for the occasion. It was a unique and a historical privilege for me as pastor to welcome back Bishop Christian to his home parish.

Even though some of his official 'duties' are over, he is always a bishop and will continue to serve in various capacities. We thank him for his nearly 50 years of priesthood and his nearly 22 years of being a bishop, and we pray that he will have many happy years ahead of him.

God Bless Bishop Francis J. Christian!

WORLD MARRIAGE WEEKEND: This weekend, February 10-11 is World Marriage Weekend throughout the country. After the Masses, I will lead all married couples in a renewal of their vows. I congratulate all

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Lenten Regulations

Abstinence - Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligation of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be used.

Fast -- Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the days of fasting. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

Participation in daily Mass and the voluntary observance of fasting is recommended.

Commendable, particularly during Lent, is generosity to local, national and world programs of sharing our abundance, the traditional Lenten Devotions and all the self-denial summed up in the Christian concept of "mortification."



KofC Lenten Friday Fish Dinners

Knights of Columbus Council 11907 will be serving Baked Fish Dinners on the first six Fridays in Lent: Feb. 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16 and 23. The dinners will be served from 4:30 to 6:30 PM in the Church Hall. The menu includes a generous portion of baked haddock, baked potato, vegetable, coleslaw, rolls, beverage and selections from our famous home cooked dessert table. Cost is \$12. Pizza slices are available \$2.00. Take-out orders can be placed by calling 603-717-4980. If schools are closed due to inclement weather, the Fish Dinner is also cancelled. Stations of the Cross and Confessions are held in the church following the dinners.

SPRING MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Spring Ministry Schedule:

The Spring Ministry Schedule for Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors will cover the dates from March 10 through June 10th, 2018. If you have ANY changes for this period of time, please notify Linda Sanborn by February 13, at 882-0632, between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM or by email at lsanborn@stchrisparishnh.org.

This ministry schedule will be distributed around March 1 via email or you can find a copy in the sacristy near the sign-in podium the weekend of March 3. The schedule can be found on the stchrisparishnh.org website also.

Volunteer sign-up for Holy and Easter:

The spring schedule will be distributed with the volunteer sign-up sheet for Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Many of the Masses require multiple Lectors, Altar Servers and Eucharistic Ministers. We welcome you and your family to volunteer with one or as many of the Masses as possible.

Please return the sign-up sheet by March 19th. We will email (or mail if you do not use email) the Holy Week and Easter Sunday schedule around March 21st. Thank you for your response and help.



St. Christopher's would like to welcome Samuel McQuaid, his daughter Zoe, and Catherine McQuaid, mother to Samuel and grandmother to Zoe, to the parish and their new spiritual home. Zoe is a student at St. Christopher School.

This Week's Parish Activities

Saturday, February 10, 2018

World Marriage Weekend Mass
Confessions @3:00pm
Vigil Mass @4:00pm

Sunday, February 11, 2018

World Marriage Weekend Mass
Sunday Mass @8:00am
Sunday Mass @10:00am
Youth Choir Practice @11:10am
Carmelite Meeting @12:00pm
Vietnamese Mass @3:00pm
Youth Group Meeting @6:00pm

Monday, February 12, 2018

7:15 am Morning Mass
Canceled Senior Yoga @7:00am

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

7:15 am Morning Mass
The Catholic Daughters of Americas meeting @6:30pm
Baptismal Class @7:00pm
Rosary @7:00pm

Wednesday, February 14, 2018

Ash Wednesday- Ashes will be distributed at the 7:15 am, 9:15 am, and 7 pm Mass

Thursday, February 15, 2018

7:15 am Morning Mass
Boy Scout #773 @7:00pm

Friday, February 16, 2018

7:15 am Morning Mass
KofC Fish Dinners 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Stations of the Cross @2:10pm
Stations of the Cross followed by Confessions @7:00pm

Saturday, February 17, 2018

Confessions @3:00pm
Vigil Mass @4:00pm

Sunday, February 18, 2018

Sunday Mass @8:00am
Sunday Mass @10:00am
Youth Choir Practice @11:10am
Vietnamese Mass @3:00pm
Youth Group Meeting @6:00pm
St. Vincent de Paul Society Monthly Meeting @7:00pm

We're Here for YOU at St. Christopher Parish!

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Monday - Friday 9:00-3:00

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Bulletin submissions are due one week before publication.



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February 4, 2018 Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$3,850.00
Loose Offertory	\$789.66
Children's Offertory	\$1.00
Faith Direct	\$1,143.50
Total	\$5,784.16

Under Budget \$315.84

Seminarian Fund	\$91.00
(total to date \$2,211.00)	
Catholic Education	\$1,153.87
(total to date \$1,188.87)	
Snow Removal	\$177.00
(total to date \$472.00)	

**Thank you
for supporting
your Spiritual Home!**

Religious Education News

Sunday Morning Class 8:30-9:45 AM

February 11 - Regular class
February 18 - Regular class
February 25 - No Class - Feb. Vacation

First Eucharist Class

February 11 - Class at 5:30 PM - all work for Chapter 1 is due
February 18 - No Class - Presidents Day
February 25 - No Class - Feb. vacation

Monday Evening Jr High Class 6:30-7:45 PM

February 12 - Regular class
February 19 - Regular class
February 26 - No Class -- Feb. Vacation

All parishes in the Diocese of Manchester are restoring the original order of celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation between 2018 and 2021.

In the early Church, people were initiated into the community at one single event. They were baptized, anointed with chrism, and shared in the Eucharist. The sacraments, over time, have been separated from one another. The restored order helps us to understand that Confirmation is intimately connected with Baptism and the whole of Christian initiation. Eucharist completes our initiation into the Church and unites us as one body in Christ

So.... What does this mean here at St Christopher?

The age of Confirmation throughout the Diocese of Manchester is changing. In all NH parishes, Confirmation will be received in the third Grade. Confirmation will be celebrated before, not after First Communion. As a result, First Eucharist classes will also be held in the third grade.

This September, parish families with **students entering grades 7 through grade 9** will register and attend Confirmation classes. They will be confirmed in the spring of 2019. We are assembling a list of these students, so if your child will be entering these grades this Fall, we would like to hear from you! Please email cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org with your family name, email contact, child's name and date of birth and his or her grade in September 2018. More information on registration etc. will follow as we begin our 3 year transition for restored order of the sacraments.

Please contact Christine Mercurio at cmercurio@stchrisparishnh.org, Fr. Kelley at fr.kelley@stchrisparishnh.org, or Deacon Jim Daly at deaconjim@stchrisparishnh.org with any additional questions.



Nashua's Diocesan Catholic Schools

www.NashuaDiocesanSchools.org

St. Christopher School
 Grades Pre-Kindergarten - 6
 882-7442

www.stchrisschoolnh.org

Infant Jesus School
 Grades Pre-Kindergarten - 6
 889-2649

www.ijsschool.org

Nashua Catholic Regional
 Junior High School
 Grades 7 & 8
 882-7011
www.ncrjhs.org

Corpus Christi Corner

Corpus Christi Food Pantry is open at our new location and is ready to serve you. Our new address is 3 Crown St. Church donation totals for the months of December and January are 294.3 pounds. We are grateful for the continued support of St Christopher parishioners.

Suggested food donations for the month of February are: Canned carrots, hot chocolate mix, small jars of coffee, spam, tomato paste, Pasta or rice sides, and chowder or creamed soups. There are baskets located at each of the church entrances for your donations.

Youth Group News

This Week: Teen suicide is on the rise. This week at youth group, a guest speaker from the American Federation for Suicide Prevention is coming to talk about suicide awareness and what to do if you notice a warning sign in your friends or in yourself. See you in the Pennell Center on Sunday from 6:00-8:00 PM. For any questions, email Emily Murphy at youthministry@stchrisparishnh.org.

Steubenville East - For any 8th graders and high schoolers interested in going to the Steubie East retreat, registration forms and a \$50 deposit are due to Emily Murphy at the parish office by February 11th. Any questions, please email youthministry@stchrisparishnh.org.

FROM THE PASTOR cont'd.

of our married couple who are living their marriage vows.

Just a few years ago, 70% of our adult population were married. Today, that figure is 51%. Many people are just living together without marriage and this is having a devastating effect on children and families. This has to change, or as a society, we are in deep trouble.

We congratulate our married couples and I am looking forward to renewing their vows after each of our Masses this coming week-end.

CHILD PROTECTION ACT - Recently the United States Senate failed to pass the Pain-Capable Child Protection Act. This would have prohibited abortions after 20 weeks. A total of 44 Senate Democrats and 2 Republicans blocked this vote. It failed 51-46. 60 votes were needed. President Trump promised to sign it into law if it got to his desk but the vote failed and it will not happen.

Of the 198 countries in the world, only 7 (ourselves now being one of them) allow abortions up to the moment of birth. The other six are North Korea, China, Vietnam, Singapore, the Netherlands, and Canada. This is horrible to say the least. Our country was founded on the "right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness". Yet, it allows the slaughter of innocent human life. Those of us who continue to be Pro-Life, we need to work harder than ever to bring this about.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Raffle Winners

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas held their raffle drawing in December 2017 and we sincerely thank all who helped its success or participated in anyway.

The following were winners: 1) Breakfast Wake-up – Francois Carrier; 2) Movie Nite – Ava Dumont; 3) Refreshing Spa – Pierrette Levesque

God Bless to all from Court Bishop Malloy #1441



From the Families of Nazareth

We All Suffer from Some Sort of Leprosy

"Your soul is destroyed by the 'leprosy' of seeking your own will instead of what God expects from you."

S.C. Biela, *Open Wide the Door to Christ*, (Ft. Collins, CO: IAMF, 2005), 71.

Join our regular Thursday night schedule of meetings at 94 Walden Pond Dr., Nashua to pray and share together our experiences of God's love, and support our responses to that. We begin at 7:00 PM, and look forward to seeing as many of you who are able to attend.

Materials to Prepare for Lent

To help you prepare for Lent, your parish will have the following items available for you to take home this weekend, February 10 and 11th:

- 1) Purple ribbon crosses to place on your door.
- 2) "The Little Black Book", 6-minute reflections on the Passion according to Mark.
- 3) A pamphlet "Lent keep it Simple"

Please remember to take home the bulletin as there will be more information each week about Lent.

These three items will be available in the front and rear alcoves of the church.

Yoga for Seniors on Monday!

The Yoga for Seniors class is on hiatus. Please check the bulletin or the parish website for updates to schedule

Upcoming class schedule:

February 19 – NO CLASS
February 26 – NO CLASS

Low Gluten Hosts Available

Low gluten hosts are available at any mass for those who cannot eat wheat. To receive a low gluten host during communion, please arrive at least 10 minutes before Mass, come to the Sacristy and tell Fr. Kelley of your need for the low gluten host.



*Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.
Protect them as they protect us.
Bless them and their families,
For the selfless acts they perform,
For us in our time of need.
And give us peace.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
Our Lord and Savior. Amen.*

Please pray for the following service people from our parish:

Children of William & Yvette Berthelotte:

Maj. Brian Berthelotte (Army);
Maj. Mark Berthelotte (Air Force);
LCDR Brad Berthelotte (Navy)

Grandson of William & Yvette Berthelotte:

PFC Matthew Berthelotte (Marine)

Son of John & Alana Kocsis:

Sgt. John Kocsis III (Army)

Son of Joseph & Sue Strob:

Maj. Rob Strob

Grandsons of Pat & Kaye Heffernan:

Sgt. Eamonn Garber (USMC)
LCPL Nicholas Garber (USMC)

Son of David & Patricia Taylor:

SFC James Taylor (Army)

Grandson of Lorraine St. Pierre

PFC Alexander St. Pierre (Army)

Sons of Laurie Allard and

Grandsons of Madeleine Kopka:

AT2 Michael Allard (Navy)
AME2 Joseph Allard (Navy)

Daughter of John Soltis:

Lt.Col. Kristen Soltis (USAF)

Son-in-law of John Soltis:

Lt.Co.I James Habeck(USAF)

Grandchildren of Dan & Sue Tracy:

2Lt Brittany DesLauriers (Army)
PV2 Gavin Tracy (US Army)

February 12
(died 381)

**St. Christopher Parish
Community Outreach**

Parish Prayer Line
*Overwhelmed by life, by care?
May we help with our prayer?*

St. Christopher's Prayer Line --
24/7 from us to Heaven!

Call the Prayer Line
(Coordinator Maureen Brown)
882-8634

Go online to
www.stchrisparishnh.org

Send email to
prayerhotline@
stchrisparishnh.org

Prayer Shawls

Our prayer shawl ministry, Creating for our Community, gathers once a month to knit, crochet, and pray as they create beautiful prayer shawls. If you know of someone who could benefit from the gift of a Prayer Shawl, whether they are having difficult time, or simply need the comfort of Prayer wrapped around their shoulders, please contact the rectory at 882-0632.

Outreach Ministry

If you are homebound and cannot attend Mass and would like to receive communion, please call the Rectory 882-0632.

Senior Companions

Are you homebound? Would you enjoy a visit? Your parish wants to stay connected with you! If St. Christopher is your spiritual home, how about a visit from one of your fellow parishioners? To arrange a visit, please call the Rectory at 882-0632.

St. Meletius

Meletius was born in the city of Melitene to one of the noblest families of Lesser Armenia. He was very pious and meek and became a priest.

Many years later, Meletius was made a Bishop of the Church. But this was not an easy task at all. The Church was divided. Some people were Catholic while others were Arian. The Arians refused to believe that Jesus was God and believed that he was only a man. They believed this only because things were not clear to them.

Bishop Meletius loved the Church and was true to Jesus. He believed that Jesus is God and realized that the Church would have to speak up clearly about who Jesus is.

When Meletius became bishop of Antioch, the Arians were not pleased. For twenty years, Meletius was a patient, loving bishop who did his best to teach the people about the Holy Trinity. But his life was made difficult by people who did not like him.

He often had to go into hiding and live in the desert because other men were claiming to be the bishop of his diocese. But St. Meletius was the true bishop and would patiently return as soon as possible. When Emperor Valens died in 378, the Arians finally stopped harassing him.

In 381, the famous Council of Constantinople, a large Church meeting, was called. The bishops wanted to talk about important truths of our faith. Bishop Meletius opened the Church Council meetings and directed the sessions.

When the Arians were arguing about the Holy Trinity in a rude way, Bishop Meletius rose and showed the people who had asked for his teaching three fingers, representing the three Persons of the Holy Trinity; then, moving back two fingers, and leaving one in place, he blessed the people. At that moment a miracle happened and fire surrounded him, like unto lightning, and the holy Bishop cried aloud: "We understand three Persons and we speak of one God."

Then, to the sadness of all the bishops, he fell ill and peacefully died right there at one of the meetings.

Great saints like John Chrysostom and Gregory of Nyssa attended his funeral along with all the bishops at the Council. His body was taken with honor to Antioch, where it was enshrined to defend the city for the glory of Christ our God.

The people of Constantinople poured into the church as well. St. Gregory of Nyssa spoke of a meek, Christ-like bishop whom everyone loved. And he was right: everyone who loved the Church loved St. Meletius.

Welcome!

St. Christopher Parish welcomes all visitors to our Spiritual Home! If you are interested in joining the parish, please complete the form below and either drop it in the Offertory Basket or mail it to the Rectory. One of our Parish staff members will be in touch. Registration forms are also available online at www.StChrisParishNH.org.

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**



Family Connection to this Week's Gospel

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:40-45

Jesus cures a person with leprosy, who reports his cure to everyone.

Today's Gospel invites us to think about the choices we make as individuals and as a family. Jesus was faced with a choice in today's Gospel. By choosing to heal the man with leprosy, Jesus showed God's compassion for the sick and the outcast. The man knew that Jesus had a choice and that Jesus could reject his request. He may have expected that Jesus would not help him. The social taboos regarding leprosy certainly gave him little on which to base his hope. In the person of the man with leprosy, we see an image of all those in need. The sick and the outcast of our world are watching us, to see if we as Christians will choose to extend ourselves to others in need of healing and compassion.

Gather with your family and talk about some of the choices you have made as a family. (where to go on vacation, what activities to do together, how to spend our evenings, and so on) How does your family go about making these decisions? What do your choices communicate to others about your family's values? In today's Gospel, Jesus was faced with a choice. Read today's Gospel, Mark 1:40-45. In choosing to heal the man with leprosy, Jesus chose to show God's compassion and mercy. All our choices reflect our faith, and others are watching. Conclude in prayer together, asking God to help your family show compassion to others in your family decisions. Pray together today's Psalm, Psalm 32, or pray the Prayer for Vocations.

About Our Catholic Faith:

Effective Ways to Evangelize as a Catholic

Receive the Gospel of Christ, whose herald you have become. Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach.

- 22) Visit family and friends regularly.
- 23) Recognize that modern technologies are changing the way we interact with each other. Heart-to-heart and face-to-face conversations are still the best way to communicate. This also holds true in communicating the faith.
- 24) Pray for the souls in Purgatory, particularly deceased loved ones.
- 25) Participate in a Catholic or ecumenical Bible study or faith sharing group.
- 26) If someone has a misguided belief as to what the Church teaches, clear it up for him/her.
- 27) Tithe. It helps you set good spiritual and material priorities and makes you more grateful to God.
- 28) Care for your aged relatives as best you can...and for other aged people.
- 29) Read Catholic literature regularly. Bring it up in conversation.

Stay tuned for more next week!

Reprinted from <http://salinadiocese.org/new-evangelization>

Prayer to Saint Michael

With so many challenges confronting us these days, we need help and strength to meet them head on. Please join us in praying daily that through the intercession of Saint Michael, we will remain faithful and strong in the Lord's service and in defending the Truth which resides in the Church!

St. Michael the Archangel defend us in battle; be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell, Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl around the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



Prayer for Vocations

O Holy Spirit, Spirit of wisdom and divine love, impart Your knowledge, understanding, and counsel to youth that they may know the vocation wherein they can best serve God. Give them courage and strength to follow God's holy will. Guide their uncertain steps, strengthen their resolutions, shield their chastity, fashion their minds, conquer their hearts, and lead them to the vineyards where they will labor in God's holy service. Amen.

In the Words of
Pope Francis

"Jesus wants to be found by those who look for Him. But to look for Him we have to get up and go out."

**Pope Francis I @ Pontifex
February 4, 2018**