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2027

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2028

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2029

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*Founded as a Mission 1925
Original Church Built 1926 • Elevated to a Parish 1944
Present Church Built 1954 • Parish Hall Built 1974
Complex Remodeled 1985 • Parish Hall Remodeled 2018
Kitchen Remodeled 2019 • Bathrooms Remodeled 2021*



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My Dear People:

Easter tide continues through the first half of the 'Merry' month of May. The forty day season of Easter tide itself ends with the Ascension, May 14th; although aspects of Easter tide continue through Saturday following the Feast of Pentecost (commonly called Whitsunday) May 24th (such as the fourfold Alleluia between the Epistle and Gospel and the *Regina Caeli*). However, the Invitatory sentence at Matins, and the Proper Preface at Mass reflect both the short season of Ascension tide and Pentecost. The final Sunday in May is all about the mystery of God in Unity of Being and Trinity of Persons, on Trinity Sunday. Because Trinity Sunday is May 31st, the Visitation of Our Lady is transferred to June 1st. May remains, however, specially dedicated to Our Lady, and so we will commemorate that dedication on May 17th, the May Festival.

The May Sundays in Easter tide, including Rogation Sunday, when we ask God to bless our efforts in agriculture, animal husbandry, and industry so that there will be an abundant harvest, means that the feasts which mark the beginning of Summer at Saint Michael and All Angels' Church, Corpus Christi, and Sacred Heart, are observed in June, this year.

The first Sunday of May gives us a somewhat rare opportunity to celebrate the Holy Cross in Easter tide. The Feast of the Invention (which is an archaic word for Finding) of the Holy Cross is May 3rd. It commemorates the discovery of the True Cross by Saint Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine the Great. St. Helena went on pilgrimage to Jerusalem to restore the holy sites of the city which had been destroyed and buried for almost three hundred years. She found in a cave enough wood for three crosses. The True Cross was revealed by a process of elimination through the healing of an infirm man. The place where the Holy Cross was found is now the Basilica of the Holy Cross in

Jerusalem. This enterprising and intrepid woman in her dedication to the Faith, set Jerusalem on the road to becoming the city it is today. Therefore, the Finding of the Cross is important, highlighting God's inspiring one of the greatest women of her time to reveal the Sacred Tree which is the sign of our salvation.

Rogation Sunday, is May 10th. In the time of seedtime, we pray that Almighty God will bless the efforts of agriculture, industry, and all other aspects of our life and work. Because we live in a non-Agrarian society, many take for granted the considerable effort that goes into providing food, clothing, and all the comforts we expect in life. When we acknowledge that all we have comes from God, the complimentary celebration in the Fall of Harvest Thanksgiving makes sense. Weather permitting, a procession around the church, to bless the gardens, singing the Litany of the Saints, will occur after the 10 o'clock Mass.

The evening of Wednesday, May 13th is First Evensong of the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the fortieth day after Easter. Normally, Evensong doesn't occasion mention in the Archangel, because there is usually a High Mass on Ascension Day itself, May 14th. However, this year, the Bishop of Colorado, The Right Reverend Kimberly (Kym) Lucas, will be with us Wednesday evening. She will be preaching at a special Choral Evensong at 6:00 p.m. and be our guest at an Ascension Dinner in the Parish Hall, afterwards. I hope parishioners will welcome Bishop Lucas to St. Michael and All Angels'. She is looking forward to visiting with parishioners and getting to know us a little better in the process. Tickets for dinner are \$10 each. The minimal cost for tickets are so that we have a reasonably accurate count for dinner.

Because Choral Evensong and Dinner will have taken place the night before, Ascension Day will be observed with Said Mass on Thursday, May 14th, at 9:30 a.m. The Ascension commemorates the moment when Our Lord ascended into heaven, in his resurrected and glorified humanity. In St. Luke's account from the Acts of the Apostles, the disciples were staring into the sky as Jesus disappeared from their sight. Eventually, an angel instructs the disciples to stop gazing into heaven. Be assured, he tells them that the Lord will return in the same way that he ascended into heaven. Before he ascended into heaven, Christ told the apostles to go and prepare themselves for the arrival of the Holy Spirit.

In recent times the Church has tended to gloss over the Ascension, going directly from Easter to Pentecost. This is to miss the truth of the intention of the Ascension itself. The humanity of God made Man is not discarded when he ascends to his Father's side. In fact, humanity is restored to its true nature at the Resurrection and promised a place in heaven fulfilled by the Ascension.

Looking ahead, the Feast of Pentecost, also called Whitsunday, is on May 24th. The Pentecost Champagne Brunch, Silent Auction, and Giveaway begins after the 10 o'clock Mass. Tickets for the brunch went on sale on April 19th. Please reserve your place at brunch (\$20, children under 5 Free) and Giveaway tickets (\$2 individually or in packets of 25 tickets for \$25 until May 10) as soon as possible. It's still not too late to donate an item for either the Silent Auction or the Giveaway. Please speak to either the Wardens or me, if you would like to donate. It may be practically anything (helping a parishioner with house or garden work, artwork, hosting a dinner, a special trip or stay at a B&B). Thank you to organizers of both the Pentecost Brunch and the Silent Auction and Giveaway.

Trinity Sunday is May 31st. Please don't forget to send in your names of graduates to be congratulated by inclusion in the Graduation Bouquet. Send your graduate's name into the office by Tuesday, May 22nd, and it will be included in the bulletin on Trinity Sunday.

Looking ahead, Corpus Christi completes the cycle of feasts begun at Easter. High Mass, outdoor procession, weather permitting, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is on Thursday, June 4th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Each year, the St. Teresa of Avila Ward of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament sponsors a Hot Dog Supper, always a parish favourite. It's a great way to transition to the more relaxed summer liturgical life at St. Michael's.

Anglo-Catholic churches like ours, take the observance of the liturgical calendar seriously. It's our delight as Christians to mark these feasts with the finest worship we can offer. Your clergy, together with the Organist, Choirmaster, Choir, Acolytes, Altar Guild, and Ushers bring their best to these events. Will you be present at them? Your participation is so encouraging to staff, parishioners and those visiting St. Michael's when the pews are comfortably filled for these festivities.

Affectionately, your Friend and Pastor,

Father Trent Fraser

From the Administrator: Father Fraser is at the Diocesan Clergy Conference from May 4th through May 6th. There are no services on those days.

Flowers

GIVEN BY	AVAILABILITY
May 3	
Wilson	
Gordon	
	Sanctuary
	Michael
	Mary
May 10	
Loiseau	
Gross	
Gordon	
	Altar
	Sanctuary
	Michael
May 17	
Loiseau	
Society of Mary	
McGraw	
	Sanctuary
	Michael
May 24	
Avery	
Hochstetter	<i>No Availability</i>
Ruby	
Hoehn	
May 31	
	All Available

Kindly take a look at the schedule for flowers.

Adjustments can be made by calling the office.

Contact the office for pricing.

Candles

GIVEN BY	AVAILABILITY
May 3	
Shackleford	
Cope	
Hubbard	<i>No Availability</i>
Heerdt	
Loiseau	
May 10	
A Parishioner	
McKinster	
Cope	
Jones	
	Passion
May 17	
Gordon	
Jones Family	
Loiseau	<i>No Availability</i>
St. Martha's Altar Guild	
May 24	
Hubbard	
A Parishioner	
Busler	<i>No Availability</i>
St. Martha's Altar Guild	
May 31	
Busler	
St. Martha's Altar Guild	
	Mary
	Passion
	Michael

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All memorial lamps are available for \$5.

From the Parish Register

Holy Baptism *You are marked as Christ's own for ever.*

Antone Bruce Mark Bowler, in the Parish Church on Low Sunday,
April 12, 2025



Palm Sunday



Good Friday



Easter Decorating on Holy Saturday



Easter Day



Sunday School Lenten Outreach Program



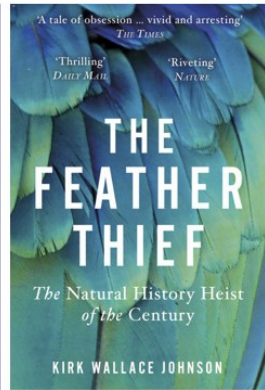
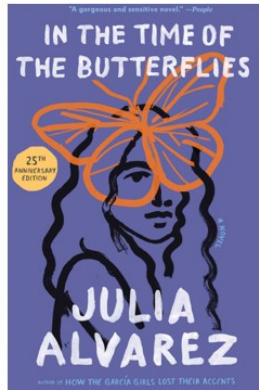
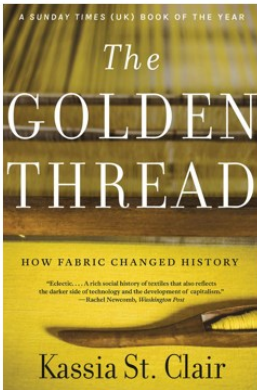
Books 'n' Brunch

Kathleen McGraw

The May 3rd meeting of Books 'n Brunch will follow the 10:00am Mass at 12:00 noon in the Parish Hall as well as on Zoom. We will be discussing **THE GOLDEN THREAD: HOW FABRIC CHANGED HISTORY** by Kassia St. Clair. It is an intriguing journey through 30,000 years of the history of the development of fabric and its impact on mankind. We no doubt will have a lively discussion surrounding this.

In June we will move to a work of historical fiction **IN THE TIME OF BUTTERFLIES** by Julia Alvarez, dealing with the human cost of political oppression. Our July book, while not light reading, is hard to put down. **THE FEATHER THIEF** by Kirk Wallace Johnson is the fascinating true story of a man driven by a passion for Victorian fly tying which led him to steal priceless bird specimens from The British Museum.

Anyone is welcome to join in on a regular basis or just now and then. For more information call the office.



St. Clare's Guild

Claudia Walker

The retreat is scheduled for June 14th—June 16th. If you'd like to come just for the day, let Nancy King know.

We won't be meeting on May 6th. We plan to meet on Wednesdays throughout the summer at 9:30 a.m. Be sure to check Sunday's *This Week* for any updates or changes.

Kneelers 21C and 21D

Kneeler 21C was stitched by Ann Cope and Susan Dasher. It was given by Ann Cope.

Kneeler 21D was stitched by Kathryn Sumner and given by Max Turner.

The top row of the choir loft is the Glora Patri



Notice the descending dove in the letter "A" of the bottom line.



Sunday School Lenten Outreach

Nancy King

A BIG thank you from the Sunday School students and teachers to all who so generously contributed to our Lenten Outreach Project. We collected over 188 stuffies and small games for our local police department. Supplies will be carried in the trunks of their cars to give to children who are in scary or difficult situations. We were delighted to have the community coordinator and 2 officers visit with us on the first Sunday after Easter to receive the bounty. They were amazed and very grateful!



The Children's Library has a new home!

We have an outstanding collection of books for all ages now located in the Sunday School Gathering space at the end of the upstairs hallway. Feel free to bring kids and let the browse and read there or you may sign out books to read at home for a maximum of two weeks. A sign out clipboard is on top of the bookcases. If you have a child ready to prepare for first communion, we have resources! Just let Nancy King know.

Also check out the new Young Believers Discovery Zone in our new St. Michael's website which in the Education section.

Save the Date

Books 'n' Brunch will meet on Sunday, May 3rd. They will meet after the 10:00am Mass, in the Parish Hall and on Zoom.

The Society of Mary will meet on Saturday, May 9th, starting with 9:00 a.m. Mass, followed by the Rosary at 9:30, and then the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

First Evensong of the Ascension of Our Lord Wednesday, May 13th at 6:00 p.m. The Bishop of Colorado, The Right Reverend Kimberly Lucas will be our guest. Parish dinner after Evensong. Reservations are at \$10 per person.

The Vestry will meet on Sunday, May 17th.

After the May Festival Procession, please join us for a reception honoring Our Lady in the Parish Hall. It is sponsored by the Queen of Angels' Ward of the Society of Mary.

The deadline for submitting names of graduates you are honoring for the Graduation Bouquet is May 22nd. The honorees will be listed in the Trinity Sunday bulletin on May 31st.

The Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament meets on May 21st at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

Corpus Christi is Thursday, June 4th. Mass, Procession, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is at 6:00 p.m. A Hot Dog Supper follows. Donations gratefully accepted!

PENTECOST AUCTION & GIVEAWAY IS COMING!

Help by Donating Any or All

Silent Auction Items

- Ask a merchant for a donation or donate time, talent or treasure of your own *(See the donors form)*
- Tickets to a Play, sporting event or concert. Offer to assist someone at home

Giveaway Items

- Plants
- Regift a gift from your mother-in-law
- Bake your favorite dessert
- Gift certificates
- Anything you think would be fun to receive

PLAN TO ATTEND! Giveaway tickets are on sale now!

Discounted bundles of 25 available for \$25.00 until May 10th. Single tickets are \$2.00

Champagne Brunch tickets are \$20.00. Children under 5 are free.

Question: See any Vestry member or contact the office

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, May 24th at 12:00 p.m.

Pentecost

Champagne Brunch,

Giveaway,

& Silent Auction

We are asking for donations for the giveaway

Silent Auction

Consider donating a special talent of yours or a couple of tickets to an event or a spa day, gardening services, housecleaning services, a garden party, chauffeuring service, professional medical service for people or pets, pet sitting, an evening or lunch with conversation and YOUR favorite menu, etc.

Tickets on Sale Now!

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