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The Monthly Parish Newsletter

Saint Michael and All Angels' Church
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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:

All Saints' Day, is Sunday, November 1st. Although it will be "just us" nevertheless we will celebrate it with the solemnity which the feast requires. The Reverend Canon Greg Foraker, Canon for Formation and Pastoral Care at the Office of the Bishop will be the guest preacher as well as our guest for the All Saints Brunch. Canon Foraker is fond of St. Michael's and was touched to be invited. As it turns out, this will be his last visit because he has announced his departure from the Diocese as of the end of the year, when he will begin a new chapter in his ministry upon his move to Berlin, Germany. I am sorry to see him go, but I wish him only the best in his new endeavour. Like me, I am sure you join me in wishing Canon Greg *Bon voyage!*

All Saints Day is the recognition of the Church Triumphant. The Saints, Our Lady, the Apostles, Martyrs, Holy Men and Women, intercede for us before the Blessed Trinity as we strive to be faithful to the Gospel in a world torn by strife and suffering. The Saints earnestly pray that when those of us on earth have ended the race that is set before us, we will join them in the place *where there is neither sorrow, nor sighing, but everlasting life.*

Monday, November 2nd, is All Souls Day commonly called the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed. Two Requiem Masses will be offered at 9:30 a.m., and 12 Noon. The names of

the souls to be remembered will be divided over both Requiem Masses.

When our earthly race has ended, we leave the Church Militant (on the move) for a new stage in the journey to our eternal home. Tradition teaches us that the Souls of the Faithful Departed await the Last Day when Our Lord Jesus Christ will return to judge the living and the dead. St. Paul says in his first letter to the Corinthians that death is swallowed up in victory through the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. In short, death no longer has any power over us. *By his death he has destroyed death and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.*

The Word Incarnate, our Saviour and Redeemer, cannot be bound by death. Our Lady, by virtue of the foreseen merits of her Son, conceived without sin, does not need the cleansing power of healing after earthly death. The rest of humanity, must have the wounds inflicted upon our nature by the Fall of Adam and Eve, washed away in the font of Baptism. Yet our wills though cleansed remain prone to sin giving into temptation put there by the Devil and his minions. Although we obtain forgiveness for those lapses into sin in the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Penance, spiritual consequences remain. Sin disfigures and bruises the soul made in the likeness of God. To gaze upon God's infinite glory and power in such an unprepared state would result in one being utterly consumed. Thus, as we prepare to see God in the Beatific Vision, we abide in the Church Expectant, Purgatory, or the Place of Departed Spirits, until those spiritual wounds suffered in this life are healed. These are inadequate descriptions of what we believe occurs between one's death and the general Resurrection at the Last Day. This state of purification, as it can be described, cleanses us of the spiritual effects of a lifetime of wounds caused by sin. How this takes place or how long it takes to prepare for us to see the Vision Glorious is beyond mortal understanding. What is important is that the soul in the Church Expectant is readied for Heaven. Purgatory is not a testing ground to determine whether the soul will go to Heaven or Hell. That outcome, eternal life in the New Jerusalem or, eternal

alienation from God (God forbid!), is made during the course of life here and now.

The bond between the living, the Faithful Departed, and the Saints transcends time and space. Each time when we say, *I believe in the communion of saints* in both the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds we acknowledge this reality. The bond between the living and the Faithful Departed are stronger than earthly death. This bond is love. Praying for the dead and giving alms for Requiem Masses to be said for the repose of their souls is the most unselfish love we can give. Love motivates the Saints to pray for us in this life. Prayers of the living for the dead, that they may join the Church Triumphant, comfort them with love. I hope they will remember us in their intercessory prayers at the Judge's seat, when they join the Saints in glory.

Each year my commitment as a Council member of The Guild of All Souls is to attend the Annual Requiem Mass, at The Church of the Resurrection, New York City. This year, the Guild's Requiem is on Saturday, November 7th. Consequently, I will be out of town from Thursday, November 5th through Saturday evening, November 7th. The world-renowned Resurrection Choir under the direction of Mr. David Enlow, will sing Anton Bruckner's *Requiem*. Should you wish to join in the Guild's Mass, *by extraordinary means from afar*, as Resurrection's Rector, Canon Swain says, it will be broadcast live at 11:00 a.m. EST (9:00 a.m., MST). Resurrection utilizes Vimeo, Facebook, and YouTube for their video streaming.

November 8th is Remembrance Sunday. This is the 108th Anniversary of the end of the Great War (1914 – 1918) and the 81st Anniversary of the end of World War II (1939 – 1945). The 10 o'clock Mass is a Solemn Requiem. The souls of those who died in service to their country either as service members or as civilians not just in the two World Wars but in all conflicts since are remembered at the Altar. The conflict in Ukraine and escalating hostilities in the Middle East (now encompassing Iran, Yemen, and Saudi Arabia) and in Sudan are only the most visible reminders that earthly peace remains elusive. War is the failure of humanity to live peaceably with one another. Suffering,

cruelty, and death are the consequences of that failure to love one another, as God loves us. It is our Christian duty to pray for the repose of the souls of those who paid the ultimate price to defeat evil as, in the case of Nazi Germany, Italy, and the Empire of Japan on Remembrance Sunday, and of those serving in other conflicts. God grant to the souls who served him on earth and paid for justice and peace with their lives, a place of refreshing, of light, and of peace. The sacrifice of those who gave their all for the right and the good is never forgotten through the observance of Remembrance Sunday.

Gratitude, in the life of a Christian, should never be forgotten. In the Church, what began at the Rogations in the Spring culminates in thanking God for the abundant fruits of the earth at Thanksgiving. We are fortunate this year to celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving on Sunday, November 15th. The Sunday congregation gets to sing the familiar hymns, while the lessons come from the proper for Harvest in the Prayer Book. Giving thanks to God 'for the means of grace and for the hope of glory' is why we engage in agriculture, commerce and industry.

Although the Harvest will be the focus on November 15th, we will still observe National Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 26th. Mass is said at 9:30 a.m., giving one ample time to thank God for the blessings the United States enjoys, while allowing for family Thanksgiving activities later in the day. It's a shame that Thanksgiving Day has become diminished due to the frenzy that surrounds secular "holiday" time. It's one of the reasons we should celebrate Thanksgiving on Sunday, when the calendar enables us to do so.

The Feast of Christ the King is November 22nd. In the Roman Church, by a decree of Pope Pius XI, and followed by Anglo-Catholic churches, Christ the King was observed on the last Sunday of October. In 1969, following Vatican II, Christ the King was moved to its current place. Whether this was wise, I leave up to you. I think you know your Rector's position on this innovation quite well by now! Nevertheless, Christ the King marks the end of the liturgical year at St. Michael's. The Church celebrates her only true King who is the King of Kings and Lord

of Lords. He reigns over the Saints and the Hosts of Heavenly Angels. Christ is the Shepherd King of the faithful departed. To Him our full allegiance is given. *Hail, Redeemer, King Divine!*

The First Sunday of Advent is November 29th. The Eucharistic readings following the Revised Common Lectionary Year B, the year of St. Mark begin. Morning and Evening Prayer shift to the readings for Year One. The second lesson at Morning Prayer is selected from the second cited reading appointed in the Prayer Book Daily Office Lectionary (Acts, Epistles, Revelation) throughout the year. The first Lesson at Evening Prayer is selected from the Old Testament reading assigned to Year Two; and the second Lesson from the third cited reading of the day (Gospels) in Year One. If there are any questions about the readings to be read in the Daily Office, just ask and I'll try my best to help you navigate the lectionary.

Advent is a good time to mediate on the Four Last things: Death, Judgment, Heaven, and Hell. Through the intercession of Our Lady, and all the Angels and Saints may we be inspired to serve God and his creation through the gifts of his grace. If you have not already done so, please remember to return your pledge of time, talent and treasure in order that we may plan for both the budget and other events for 2027.

Affectionately, your Friend and Pastor,

Father Trent Fraser

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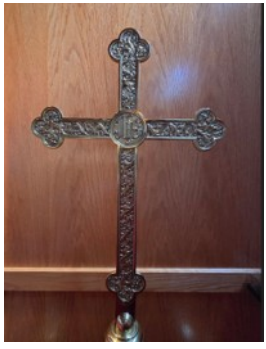
Dedication



Summer Comes to and End in the Memorial Garden

St. Clare's Guild

Claudia Walker

Mary, Queen of the Angels

Mary was declared Theotokos, God-Bearer, at the Ecumenical Councils of Ephesus (431) and Chalcedon (451). St. Augustine of Canterbury, 6th Century, lists her along with many other titles as Queen of Heaven, therefore Queen of the Saints (House) and the Angels (Senate), those who reside in Heaven.

The kneelers in the chapel show the monogram of Mary, a large *M* with the crown. The monogram is surrounded by angels. The front edge has the initials of the person or persons that stitched it and the year it was finished. There are 20 kneelers that slide under chairs in the chapel.

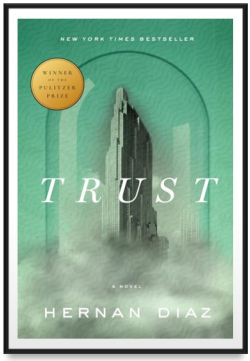
Books 'n' Brunch

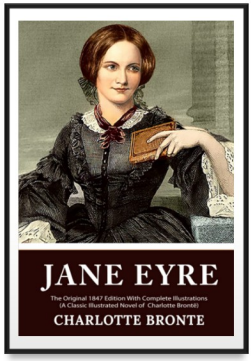
Kathleen McGraw

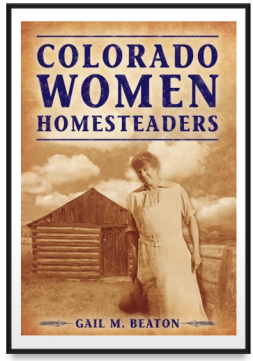
Our next meeting will be on November 8th at 12:00 noon. We will meet in the Parish Hall as well as on Zoom.

Due to changing the meeting from October to November we will be discussing TRUST by Hernan Diaz at the November meeting as well as JANE EYRE by Charlotte Bronté. The reason for this change is because of delays in getting LONDON FALLING by Patrick Radden Keefe and COLORADO WOMEN HOMESTEADERS by Gale M. Beaton. The book for the December meeting will be COLORADO WOMEN HOMESTEADERS by Gale M. Beaton.

For more information please call St. Michael's office.







Flowers

Kindly take a look at the schedule for flowers.

Adjustments can be made by calling the office.

Contact the office for pricing.

November 1	Flowers	AVAILABILITY
Dow	Altar	
Briggs	Sanctuary	
		Michael
		Mary
November 8	Flowers	AVAILABILITY
Seeliger/Scholl	Mary	
Gross	Michael	
November 15	Flowers	AVAILABILITY
Walker	Altar	
Gordon Family	Sanctuary	
Ruby	Altar 2	
Loiseau	Mary	
McGraw	Michael	
		Sanctuary
November 22	Flowers	AVAILABILITY
Gross	Altar	
Avery Family	Altar 2	
Warner	Mary	
Walker	Sanctuary	
		Michael
November 29	Flowers	
No Flowers in Advent		

Candles

Kindly take a look at the schedule for Candles.

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All memorial lamps are available for $5.

November 1	Candle	AVAILABILITY
	Mary	Mary
	Passion	Passion
Father Fraser	Michael	
Beck	Walsingham	
	Annunication	Annunciation
November 8	Candle	AVAILABILITY
Seeliger	Mary	
Norman Jones Family	Passion	
Greene Family	Michael	
Loiseau	Walsingham	
A Parishioner	Annunication	
November 15	Candle	AVAILABILITY
Hubbard	Mary	
Parish	Michael	
Parish	Walsingham	
St. Martha's Altar Guild	Annunciation	
		Passion
November 22	Candle	AVAILABILITY
Walker/Loiseau	Mary	
Loiseau	Passion	
A Parishioner	Annunciation	
Walker/Loiseau	Walsingham	
		Michael
November 29	Candle	AVAILABILITY
Hubbard	Mary	
Hochstetter	Michael	
St. Martha's Altar Guild	Walsingham	
Gross Family	Annunciation	
		Passion

DECORATING FOR ADVENT

SATURDAY, November 28th
AFTER THE 9:00AM MASS

Help is needed to prepare for the Advent Season. Most things that need to be done are tasks not limited to St. Martha's Altar Guild members and the Junior Warden would much appreciate your help! Men that have had this experience or want to learn this easy task are especially invited to attend! It won't take long! Make this part of your preparation for the Advent Season leading to St. Michael's glorious traditional celebration of The Nativity!

SIGN UP SHEETS will be AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX

ADVENT CANDLES & PRAYERS

The Season of Advent is almost upon us.
In your personal preparation for the observance of this season
The appropriate sets of prayers, candles and candle ring holders will again be available for purchase.
An order form will be available in the Narthex for those interested in purchasing one or more of these items for your Advent wreaths at home or you may contact Jean Gross
Set of 4 Candles is $8.00
A set of prayers is $2.00
Candle ring holder is $8.00

They will be available for pick up on the First Sunday in Advent, November 29th in the parish hall.

If you have any questions, call Jean (303-906-5446)

Advent Book Club

The Thursday Advent Book Club will meet on December 3rd, 10th, and 17th after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. We will be discussing Edward Sri's book *Walking with Mary: A Biblical Journey from Nazareth to the Cross*. This short book can be purchased through the usual places, although I highly recommend Bookshop.org which supports independent booksellers. Alternatively, you may get it on Kindle or I can order the book for you. Copies are $20 which includes shipping and sales tax.

A Note from Your Parish Administrator

As the parish administrator, I operate on a 16-hour weekly schedule while the office is open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Parishioners are always welcome to reach out for anything they need; however, to ensure these limited hours remain productive, Mondays are reserved entirely for administrative preparation and organizing the week ahead. Doors remain locked for safety. If you schedule a Monday vendor or delivery, **please notify the office in advance**. Arriving vendors can ring the door buzzer or call the office phone for entry.

To help manage workflow and protect dedicated prep time, non-urgent voicemails will be returned within 24 hours, and urgent voicemails will be addressed at the next available moment.

Save the Date

Monday, November 2nd is All Souls Day. Requiem Mass' at 9:30 a.m. (Rite I) and 12:00 noon (Rite II). Please mark your calendars.

There will be no services from Thursday, November 5th through Saturday, November 7th, as Father Fraser will be at the Guild of All Souls Requiem in New York City.

The Parish Fall Clean-Up Days are Saturday, November 7th and November 14th after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Alan, the Junior Warden is looking forward to seeing you there!

November 8th is Remembrance Sunday. Solemn Requiem will be at 10:00 a.m.

The Society of Mary meets for Mass, Rosary, and fellowship on Saturday, November 14th beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The Monthly Meeting of Vestry is at noon on Sunday, November 15th at 12:00 noon.

The Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament meets Thursday, November 19th at 6:00 p.m. for supper and discussion. The evening ends with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Please join us.

Thanksgiving Day Mass is at 9:30 a.m.

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