

### July Intentions of our Holy Father

#### **Social Friendship**

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.



### ST. MICHAEL'S CORNER

Sunday Mass

9 a.m. English/11 a.m. Spanish

Wednesday Mass

As Announced In Bulletin

Holydays

As Announced In Bulletin

Religious Education

Spanish: Sundays After Mass

Spanish Choir

Wednesday 6:00PM

### WELCOME FR. ERIC LOFGREN

Our prayers follow Fr. Fred to St. Joseph, Lincoln and we add our prayers for Fr. Eric coming to our St. Joseph, from Lincoln.

Bishop Soto will preside at Fr. Eric's installation Mass on Sunday, August 1st, 11:00 AM.

A Welcome Reception will follow that Mass. Plan to join in on welcoming Fr. Eric.

### CAMP PENDOLA DAY CAMPS

This summer Camp Pendola is coming to a parish near you! We will be offering day camps for campers entering 1st-7th grade at four parishes around the diocese for four weeks in July. During Day Camp, campers will get to experience the spirit of Camp Pendola closer to home with activities included crafts, games, nature activities, and community building. Each week has a new theme & new location.

Fun in the Sun 7/5 - 9 (Coed) Citrus Heights  
Weird Science 7/12 - 16 (Coed) St. James, Davis  
Christmas in July 7/19 -23 (Coed) SH, Anderson  
Survivor Week 7/26 - 30 (Coed) El Dorado Hills  
For more information about Camp Pendola Day Camp go to [www.pendola.org/2021-day-camp](http://www.pendola.org/2021-day-camp) or contact Jennifer Campbell at [jcampbell@scd.org](mailto:jcampbell@scd.org).

### RELEASE GRIEF FROM THE BODY

Mass and Healing Ritual offered on Saturday, August 14 at 9 AM at Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center in the Marian Grotto, 6520 Van Maren Lane, Citrus Heights. Celebrant Rev. Jack Conley C.P., Passionist Priest with Deacon Mike and Chaplain Barb Turner (Grief Ministry Trainers for the Diocese of Sacramento.)

RSVP @[cfcssacramento.org/events](http://cfcssacramento.org/events) or call 916-840-2138.

### CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

“ABANDONMENT TO DIVINE PROVIDENCE”

Written by  
Jean-Pierre de Caussade

Meet on Saturdays, at 10:30 am  
Downstairs Hall  
(good) coffee will be provided

It's not necessary to be at every Saturday meeting, just come when you are able.

### DISPENSATION OF SUNDAY MASS

*Effective Sunday June 20th, The obligation for the Catholic faithful to be present and participate in Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is hereby restored. However, anyone feeling ill, have signs of Covid or vulnerable health conditions are encouraged to stay home.*

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

All parishioners wishing to be Eucharistic Ministers, at St. Joseph's, those presently serving and those wishing to serve, are asked to attend a training meeting on one of two dates: Sunday, July 11th following the 11:00 AM Mass or Tuesday, July 13th at 7:00 PM. Please sign up in the back of church. This is mandatory for anyone wishing to serve as we wish to be more uniform in our service at Mass.

Parishioners at St. Michaels are asked to attend after the Masses on Sunday, June 20th.

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Our Parish Books in the church have many names of parishioners in need of prayer. Please include them each day in your prayers and add any petitions you may have to either or all of the three books near the votive candles.

### VOTIVE CANDLES

In the lighting of candles we not only pray, but our prayers become symbols of the One Light of Christ. (Proceeds benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society) Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to dedicate an Annual Candle: 243-3463.

This Gospel immediately follows upon last week's stories of the raising of Jairus's daughter and the healing of the woman with a hemorrhage. It sets the context of our Gospel readings for the next two weeks in which Jesus will extend the work of his ministry to his disciples.

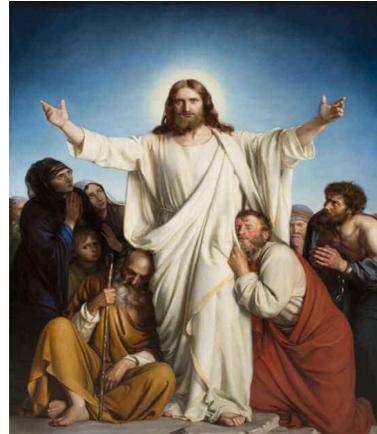
Today's Gospel describes what many believe to have been the typical pattern of Jesus' ministry: teaching in the synagogue followed by acts of healing. In his hometown of Nazareth, the people are amazed by what they hear, but they also cannot comprehend how someone they know so well might move them so powerfully.

In this Gospel, we learn some interesting details about Jesus and his early life. Jesus' kinfolk know him to be a carpenter, an artisan who works in wood, stone, and metal. He probably learned this trade from his father. Family members of Jesus are also named. Mark describes Jesus as the son of Mary, which is an unusual designation. Adult males were more typically identified with the name of their fathers. It is unclear why Mark deviates from this custom.

Brothers and sisters of Jesus are also named. Scholars are divided on how to interpret this. As Catholics, we believe that Mary was and remained always a virgin, thus we do not believe that this Gospel refers to other children of Mary. Some have suggested that these family members might be Joseph's children from a previous marriage, but there is little evidence to support this. Others explain this reference by noting that the words *brother* and *sister* were often used to refer to other types of relatives, including cousins, nieces, and nephews.

This Gospel tells us that Jesus is hampered from performing miracles in Nazareth because of the people's lack of faith. Jesus is said to be surprised by this. He did not predict or foresee this rejection. In this detail we find a description of the very human side of Jesus.

This passage unfolds a continuing theme of Mark's Gospel: Who is Jesus? His kinfolk in Nazareth might know the carpenter, the son of Mary, but they do not know Jesus, the Son of God. Mark is foreshadowing Jesus' rejection by his own people, the people of Israel. He is also reflecting on and trying to explain the situation of the community for which he wrote. While many of the first Christians were Jewish, Christianity took hold and flourished in the Gentile community. Mark's community was mostly a Gentile community, who may have been experiencing persecution. By showing that Jesus himself was rejected, Mark consoles and reassures his first readers. He also prepares us to accept this possible consequence of Christian discipleship.



**HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!!!**



**MASS SCHEDULE WITH MASS INTENTIONS**  
**Week of July 4, 2021**

Sun.....7/04....9:00 am.....Paul and Jordan Johnson, Sp. Int.  
Sun.....7/04....11:00 am.....Barbara, Joe and Tom Thornton +  
Mon.....7/05....8:30 am.....Fr. Corey Bruns, Sp. Int.  
Tue.....7/06....8:30 am.....Mary Bennett, Sp. Int.  
Wed.....7/07....8:30 am.....Irene Vandehey +  
Thu.....7/08....8:30 am... Lawrence Mini, Sp. Int.  
Fri.....7/09....8:30 am.....Irene Vandehey +  
Sat.....7/10....8:30 am.....Nick Ciba, Sp. Int.  
Sat.....7/10....5:30 pm.....Kelly Peterson +

**St. Michael Mission Mass Intentions**  
Sun.....7/04....9:00 am.....Pro Populo  
Sun.....7/04....11:00 am.....All Souls  
Thu.....7/08...8:30 am.....All Souls

**SCHEDULED-WEEK OF July 4th, 2021**

**SAT 7/3 10:30 AM Book Club—Downstairs Hall**

**MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY ROSARY AT 8:10 AM**  
**MASS 8:30 AM**

**JOURNEY WITH ST. JOSEPH PILGRIMAGE**

In response to the call of Pope Francis declaring this year as the Year of St. Joseph for the Universal Church, the Diocese of Sacramento will offer the *Journey with St. Joseph Pilgrimage* commencing on June 19th and ending on Dec. 7, 2021.

Please pick up additional information in the back of church. A prayer booklet for pilgrims will be available soon.

*"To go on pilgrimage really means to step out of ourselves in order to encounter God where he has revealed himself, where his grace has shone with particular splendor and produced rich fruits of conversion and holiness among those who believe."*

~Pope Benedict XVI

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**Our Lady of Mercy Parish: 222-3424**  
**July 12th thru 16th, 9:00am to 1:00pm**