NORMAL MASS TIMES:
(Weekday Mass times often change—check schedule at right)

DOWNTOWN:
1055 Boundary St. SE
Monday–Thursday: 12 Noon
Friday & Saturday: 9 AM
Saturday: 5 PM
Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM & 5 PM

WESTSIDE CHAPEL:
1835 Overhulse Rd. NW
1st and 3rd Thursday: 6:30 AM
Sunday: 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM
2nd Sunday: 1:30 PM (Vietnamese)

RECONCILIATION TIMES (DOWNTOWN):
Thursday: 11 AM | Saturday: 9:45 AM & 3 PM

PASTOR:
Fr. Jim Lee

PAROCHIAL VICAR:
Fr. Lou Cunningham

DEACONS:
Rob Rensel
John Bergford

MISSION
Our mission is to place God first in all things, to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to grow in holiness through prayer, sacraments, and service.

mass schedule & intentions

1.6 MONDAY
12 Noon  Epiphany of the Lord  St. Joseph Chapel

1.7 TUESDAY
12 Noon  Jacinto Neri, Sr.  ☪ St. Joseph Chapel

1.8 WEDNESDAY
12 Noon  Word & Communion  St. Joseph Chapel

1.9 THURSDAY  (11AM Reconciliation canceled)
12 Noon  Word & Communion  St. Joseph Chapel

1.10 FRIDAY
9 AM  William Mike  ☪ Downtown Church

1.11 SATURDAY  (9:45AM & 3 PM Reconciliation)
9 AM  Angeles Arce  ☪ Downtown Church
5 PM  Andy Nguyen  ☪ Downtown Church

1.12 SUNDAY
7:30 AM  Achem Lugonja  ☪ Downtown Church
8:30 AM  Marianne McCarty  ☪ Westside Chapel
9:30 AM  Luu Family  Downtown Church
10:30 AM  People of Saint Michael Parish  Westside Chapel
11:30 AM  Regie Pappa  Downtown Church
1:30 PM  People of the Vietnamese Community  Westside Chapel
5 PM  People of Saint Michael Parish  Downtown Church

"Fr. Lou and I want to thank you very much for your many cards, thoughtful words and gifts shared with us at Christmas. We were deeply touched and want to express our gratitude. Please know what a privilege and a gift it is to serve you in our priesthood. Blessings during this new year and especially on this feast of the Epiphany."

– Fr. Jim and Fr. Lou

Cover: Quentin Metsys, The Adoration of the Magi, 1526

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As most of the rest of the world has moved on quickly from Christmas and into a new year, we Catholics still find ourselves celebrating the joy and the mystery of the Incarnation.

“Rise up and splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the Lord shines, and over you appears his glory.”

The prophet Isaiah writes these words probably around the end of the Babylonian exile as the first Israelites returned, finding their beloved city Jerusalem devastated and destroyed. The temple was gone, the city walls were in ruins, the economic conditions were dire, and there was no Davidic king to rule over them.

In this context, Isaiah offers a vision of the city and people transformed. Not only is this a portrait of future renewal, it also announces a dramatic transformation that is happening in their midst. Isaiah tells the people to rise up, to let their light shine, to raise their eyes and look around them to see what the Lord is already doing.

Epiphany 2020 invites us to let our light shine. Epiphany 2020 invites us in a new, more focused and intense way to share the light of our faith. As more and more people walk away from the Church and from faith, we are compelled by no less than the Magi to seek the King of Kings, to be a light for those in the darkness of unbelief, who settle for less than what God longs for them.

Most of us can do this better than we realize. We do not have to undergo special training, receive a certificate or even a special commission. Our baptism and confirmation give us the grace of the Holy Spirit to be people of faith and in the ordinary circumstances of our daily lives to accompany others on their journeys.

In order to do this well, we need to be people of prayer, people who have a relationship with Jesus Christ, the Father and the Holy Spirit. Then, we simply share that experience when it is appropriate. Therefore, I offer these reflections on prayer by Fr. Henri Nouwen:

“Prayer means entering into communion with the One who first loved us before we could love (1 John 4:19). The more deeply we enter into the house of God, the house whose language is prayer, the less dependent we are on the blame or praise of those who surround us, and the freer we are to let our whole being be filled with that first love.

“As long as we are still wondering what other people say or think about us and trying to act in ways that will elicit a positive response, we are still victimized and imprisoned by the dark world in which we live.

“As long as we are in the clutches of that world, we live in darkness, since we do not know our true self. In prayer, however, again and again we discover that the love we are looking for has already been given to us and that we can experience that love.

“Prayer is entering into communion with the One who molded our being in our mother’s womb with love and only love. There, in the first love, lies our true self, a self not made up of the rejections and acceptances of those with whom we live, but solidly rooted in the One who called us into existence. In the house of God we were created. To that house we are called to return. Prayer is the act of returning.”

“Domus Dei et Porta Coeli” greets us each time we walk across the threshold of our newly renovated church downtown. “House of God and Gate to Heaven.” This is where we belong. This is where we are meant to experience our deepest and truest selves. This is where we celebrate God’s love in Sacrament with one another so as to experience that first and truest Love and to be transformed by and in that Love.

Then we are sent forth to be that love for others, to be that light to the world and invite others to share in the light of God’s love. This is what a disciple does. This is what we are all called to do. Let us help one another to do so.

In Christ, through the intercession of Blessed Pier Giorgio, I love you.

Fr. Jim Lee
Pastor

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**Unwanted Books?**

Did you get any books for Christmas that you perhaps already have, or don’t think you’ll ever read? Bring them to the parish office and we’ll donate them to the Detention Ministry to give to the incarcerated!

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**St. Vincent de Paul Collection**

Next Week!

Without you the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Olympia would not happen. Your donations help people to stay in their home and maintain their medical prescriptions.

We collect donations for St. Vincent’s after all Masses every second weekend of the month. Donations can also be delivered directly to St. Vincent’s during office hours on Wednesdays or Fridays from 1-3PM. Thank you for your continued generous and prayerful support.

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**St. Michael Parish School’s Father Daughter Dance**

Girls (St. Michael Students & Parishioners) PreK - 8th Grade and the significant male in their life: father, stepfather, grandfather, uncle, brother, etc. will have an evening of dancing, fun and lasting memories.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 24TH**

6:30-8:30PM IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

More information can be found on our website www.stmikesolympia.org

**DISCOVER YOUR PARISH SCHOOL!**

Please join us for our Open House

January 26, 11AM–1PM
Our Commitment
Saint Michael Parish is committed to promoting strong Sacramental marriages. Along with the MARRIAGE COURSE BY ALPHA (below), you’ll often see other opportunities in these pages to strengthen your marriage. These include:

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: For married couples who want to strengthen their marriage but not necessarily struggling in their relationship. Marriage encounter is focused on the positive things in a sacred union.

RETOUVAILLE is the “pry the ship off the rocks” experience, possibly the last chance for marriages in trouble.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE helps individuals to deal with the grief of being widowed, divorced or separated. It is not a couples retreat but for individual Catholics to deal pastorally with the trauma of being no longer married—more like grief support than help with marriage.

All of these programs are offered at various times throughout the year and at various locations in Western Washington. We’ll advertise them in the bulletin as they are offered.

The Marriage Course
by Alpha

The Marriage Course is offered for any couple, married or unmarried, who desires to strengthen their relationship. Whether you are newlyweds or have been married for many years, whether your relationship is in a healthy place or could use some encouragement and support. The program is rooted in Christian principles but designed for couples with or without a religious affiliation. It offers a lifetime of practical ideas and tools to help keep your relationship strong.

A typical session includes a dinner at a private table for each couple, a practical talk and a time for private discussion.

Fridays, January 10–February 14, 7–9:30 pm in the Parish Center Multipurpose Room

REGISTRATION/CONTACT
Caiti Schmitz at cschmitz@saintmichaelparish.org or (360) 292-7100

Childcare is provided for children ages 1+ but you must register by Friday, January 3. Please include the name and ages of your children. Dinner is included for children as well.

The Marriage Course

SPRING MISSION TRIP TO JUAREZ, MEXICO
Discover God’s love in a week of prayer, service and simple community living.

March 28 – April 4, 2020

“I see myself as I really am: a pilgrim in this world, a Christian called to respect and love all those lives I touch…”
– Pope Clement XI

“My heart has called me to be a friend and worker among workers at the Holy Spirit Center in Juarez Mexico. Over the years, I have journeyed in thought, word and deed with four Saint Michael Parish groups. We, too, were like pilgrims who left the ‘holy ground’ here at Saint Michael to discover new ‘holy ground’ in a community situated on the old garbage dump. Together, united in love, we shared our talents, prayers, food and fun! God’s love was showered upon us through the overwhelming gifts of the Holy Spirit. You are welcome to come too! Bring a brother or sister to come along with you for a Journey of the Heart.”
– Kathleen Barkis

COST:
$550 covers expenses for the week. Scholarships are available.

CONTACT:
Jim Hemmen at jimhemmen@gmail.com or (602) 320-8078 or Deacon John at jbergford@saintmichaelparish.org for more information. Application packets are online at saintmichaelparish.org and can also be picked up at the parish office.
SMALL GROUPS
Making a big parish seem small
“All of the group members were an inspiration, and I draw strength from knowing we are on this faith journey together.”
Small groups continue to meet year-round. Find a group online or form one of your own. There’s always room on the couch!

UPCOMING DATES FOR LENTEN SMALL GROUPS:
January 18/19 & 25/26: Facilitator registration weekends
February 1/2 & 8/9: Member registration weekends
February 22: Facilitator workshop
February 24: Lenten Small Groups start

CONTACT
Michaela Moreau at mmoreau@saintmichaelparish.org or (360) 292-7104

Winter 2020 Class:
January 14 thru March 10, 2020—Tuesdays, 6–8 PM (Free childcare available). Visit fpu.com/1103275
—or—
Spring 2020 Class:
April 16 thru June 11, 2020—Thursdays, 7–9 PM (Free childcare available). Visit fpu.com/1092061

If you are a parishioner, scholarships are available.

FPU Alums:
Join us the fourth Saturday of each month from 10 AM—Noon in the Parish Center. Begin the budget discussion and strategize for the New Year. Small nibbles to share are always welcome! If you have signed up on SMP Connect yet? Add Financial Peace University Group to your profile at https://smpconnect.ccbchurch.com. This application will be our only avenue to send you upcoming messages and schedules.

CONTACT
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YOUNG ADULTS
MONTHLY MASS & MEAL: Sit with young adults at the 5 PM Life Teen Mass (left side of the altar, towards the front) on Sunday, January 12 and join us after Mass for dinner at Fish Tale Brew Pub where we will spend time getting to know each other.

THIRSTING FOR MORE FROM LIFE?
Young adults ages 18–35 in all stages of life, whether single or married, are invited to attend Thirsting Thursday from 6–8 PM on Thursday, January 16 in Gathering Space Room 1. This very special Thirsting Thursday will feature an opportunity for you to help us plan future events for the young adult community! If you want to have your voice heard, make sure you come! Light snacks and drinks provided.

Childcare may be available if you RSVP to cschmitz@saintmichaelparish.org by January 13.

FAMILY MATTERS
A Parent Discussion Group
Join us for a 6-week parent discussion group that will explore topics facing families of young children today. The identical discussion group will be offered on two different days/times:

Wednesdays, January 8–February 12 8:45–11:15 AM in Gathering Space Room 1

Thursdays, January 9–February 13, 6:30–8 PM in the Atrium (1st floor Parish Center)
Childcare available on request.

Discussion Topics include:
- Wasting Time with Family
- Rules, Rules, Rules
- Habits of the Heart
- Decision Making & Prayer
- Self Esteem & Failure
- Seek First the Kingdom

CONTACT
Marty Trotter at mtrotter@saintmichaelparish.org with questions or to register.

GROW
Thinking about signing up for Financial Peace University? Join us for an Introduction to FPU on Tuesday, January 7 from 6–7 PM in Parish Center Room 7. While you are there, you can sign up for the winter class and course materials will be available.

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JANUARY 5: EPIPHANY PARTY!

JANUARY 12: All teens join us for Parents vs Teens. This is an opportunity to have parents and their kids challenge each other in trivia and games. This will be bragging rights for the household and parents will be able to experience a Life Night. Family time is the best time!

CONTACT
Brandon Jones at (360) 292-7108 or bjoness@ saintmichaelparish.org

NEW STUDY PROGRAM  IS IT POSSIBLE TO LIVE THIS WAY?
With Fr. Lou

Wednesdays, 7–8:30PM beginning January 22

We are reading Is it Possible to Live This Way: An Unusual Approach to Christian Existence (volume 1: Faith) by Fr. Luigi Giussani—a compilation of Giussani's conversations with young people. Giussani encourages young people to be serious about their own existence and loyal to their experience. The conversations reported here are fascinating and insightful, providing support for a way of life that today is frequently questioned, rejected, or censured.

Age range is high school and up, with a focus on young adults, but open to the entire parish. Childcare provided—please RSVP with names and ages of children to Hannah Hach at hhach@saintmichaelparish.org.

WINTER BIBLE STUDIES

“Don’t say God is silent if your Bible is closed.”

God is always ready to speak to us if we will listen and tune our ears and hearts to His Word. Join us in the New Year to deepen your relationship with God through these new Bible Studies. Register online at saintmichaelparish.org or after Mass this weekend.

CONTACT
Ann Ashe at 360-292-7112 or aashe@saintmichaelparish.org

GENESIS TO JESUS

Thursdays at 6:30PM
Begins January 9
12 Sessions | Cost: $25
What is the Bible, where does it come from, and what is its purpose? How are Catholics supposed to read the Bible and what story does it tell? These are the ever-important questions answered in Genesis to Jesus.

PSALMS

Tuesdays at 6:30PM
Begins January 14
12 Sessions | Cost: $25
Discover how these sacred hymns become our heartfelt response to God's loving and wondrous deeds for us.

LECTIONARY STUDY

Thursdays at 12PM
Begins January 16
6 Sessions | Cost: $20
EXODUS 90
STARTS JANUARY 13 (ends Easter Sunday)

MEN: Are you looking for more in life? Do you often find yourself bored, uninterested in life, consumed by technology, distracted?

Exodus is an intense 90-day period of prayer, fraternity, and aestheticism. You and a group of like-minded brothers journey together through the book of Exodus, following Moses and the Israelites as they break their chains of slavery. Developed as a seminarian formation tool, Exodus 90 has gained reputation globally as a focused way to regain freedom in the lives of thousands of men. So far this year, 35 men at SMP have journeyed through Exodus 90, afterward sharing quotes like:

“I knew I needed something to break me out of feeling trapped in everyday life stress...I had no idea that this 90 days would so radically transform my life. My marriage re-awakened, my faith re-ignited, and I feel like I finally have such clarity on what God’s been dreaming up for my life...”

New fraternities are forming now, and an informational meeting is happening on Saturday, January 11 at 3PM in the Frassati Room. Learn more at exodus90.com.

To join a fraternity now, contact Rex Yabut at rex@saintmichaelparish.org or Andrew Goldstein at agoldstein@saintmichaelparish.org.

Pilgrimage
TO CATHEDRALS & SHRINES IN FRANCE
MAY 26 – JUNE 8, 2020 | $4390

Join Fr. Tim Ilgen and fellow pilgrims as they travel to Paris, Normandy and Burgundy. Experience the culture, history and spiritual heritage of the eldest daughter of the Church. Celebrate God’s beauty in the Gothic cathedrals in Reims, Amiens, and Chartres with their “spiritual architecture”. Visit the home and convent of St. Thérése, the little flower of Lisieux, and the convent in Nevers where St. Bernadette lived out her life. Visit Rouen, city of 100 spires, Tours, Cluny, Vezelay, and many more places.

For complete information call Evelyn Czapiewski, (253) 229-5554.

Searching?
Jesus asked them, “What are you looking for?” (John 1:38)

Is there an emptiness you long to fill? Are you searching for authentic community? Do you long to understand the meaning of it all? Jesus invites you to “Come, and you will see.” (John 1:39) Whatever it is that you seek, Jesus invites you to come and see where he is staying. Come journey with us and explore together God’s call to live in newness of life.

To learn more about becoming Catholic please contact Andrew Casad, Steward for Christian Initiation, at (360) 292-7127 or acasad@saintmichaelparish.org.

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Salary DOQ&E, excellent benefits. Download an application and job descriptions at our website or email cpeterson@saintmichael-parish.org.

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