



Thank you for worshipping with us at St. Michael the Archangel Anglican Catholic Church.

We celebrate Sunday Mass at 11:30 a.m. at **1634 Jefferson Pike, Petersville, MD 21758**. Children's Church School begins at 11:45 a.m. If you are unable to join us in person, please don't worry, we continue to live stream our worship services online. The sign in information remains the same as we have been using, please see sign-in information below.

All are encouraged and welcome to join us by:

- * **Telephone: 301-715-8592 (use code ID 2430380079)(password 987910)**
- * **Videophone via laptop or smartphone: [www. Zoom.us](http://www.Zoom.us) (ID 2430380079) (password 987910)**
- * **Facebook live: [Stmichaelacc](https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelacc)**

Please MUTE your phone or computer during the Mass so that everyone can clearly hear and understand Father Pothin and the Lay Reader.

Thank you.

These features can be found on our website and will remain on our website indefinitely.

Please email the names of those who you wish to include on the Intercession Prayer List to Jeanne Coderre at bluwines@startmail.com by 8:00 p.m. on Saturday so we can include them in Sunday's Mass. The headings/categories for the Prayers of Intercession are: **Prayers for Those Experiencing Adversities and/or Sickness; Prayers of Thanksgiving and God's Protection and Blessings; and Prayers for the Departed.**

Saint Michael the Archangel is leading a community based daily prayer (12:00-12:10 pm) to ask God favor. We are praying for the community, its needs and all those who keep the community safe and strong. You are all encouraged to join that prayer by calling and sharing your prayers: **Telephone: 301-715-8592 (use code ID 2430380079) (password 987910).**



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St. Michael the Archangel

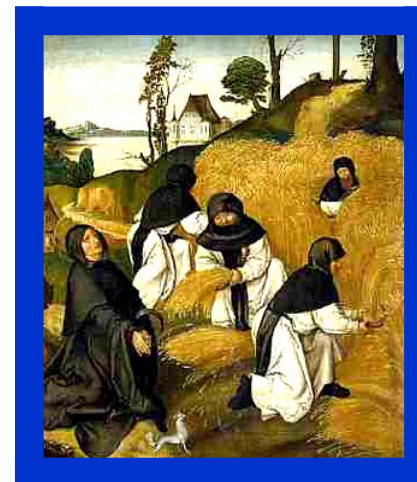
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❖ Rogation Sunday ❖

The Fifth Sunday After Easter

(Comm. The Conversion of St. Augustine, B. C. D.)

05 May 2024

Sunday Mass at 11:30 a.m.

Daily Prayer call at 12:00 noon – 12:10 p.m.

Wednesday Mass TBD.

Wednesday evening Bible Study (*via Zoom*) – 7:00 p.m.

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Fr. Pothin Ngyele, Rector – (301) 514-3478 - Fatherpothin@stmichaelacc.org

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FATHER POTHIN'S WEEKLY REFLECTION

Cheerfulness and happiness in the world

Challenges have always been part of mortality and God's plan for our growth. In each instance the people had every reason to be anxious, fearful, and hopeless, yet the Lord directed them toward a reason to rejoice.

How does the Lord's invitation to cheerfulness sound in our world today? When economic uncertainties, terrorist threats, and corruption provide top stories for the evening news, how can the good news of the gospel intervene? When we experience personal loss in so many ways and on so many days, what is left to be cheerful about?

Cheerfulness in the bible connotes a divinely assured optimism, "a deep trust in God's unfolding purposes," a grounded conviction that God will always keep His promises. When Christ proclaims, *"Be of good cheer"*, He is not requesting a naïve response to life's cruel twists and turns. Nor is He promising a pain-free life of constant bliss. *Tragedy and hardship do not discriminate.* The Lord clearly promises, *"In the world ye shall have tribulation"* (John 16:33). *When we are aware of our difficulties, acknowledge that the Savior overcame the world that He has lifted and strengthened and given vision to each of us in very personal ways, we will realize that we are never alone. We will feel a peace within even though the crisis without still rages. We will be filled with hope and even cheer.*



A special invitation to those not quite ready or prepared to receive the Holy Eucharist. We welcome you to the altar rail for a blessing. Simply kneel (or stand) with the others and cross your arms over your chest. The priest will give you a blessing. This is referred to as a "spiritual" communion.

We encourage everyone to continue to support the operation of the church by sending your offerings (collection) to the treasurer. This can be done via our website (www.stmichaelacc.org), mailing a check to our post office box (P.O. Box 315, Buckeystown, MD 21717), by mailing your check directly to Lynne Brisbane at 3500 Basford Rd., Frederick, MD 21703, or of course, by placing your donation in the alms plate during the Offertory at Mass on Sundays.

REMEMBER: *Please do not bring food into the church proper. All food should stay in the meeting room. Thank you.*

Those celebrating birthdays in *May* are Jeanne Coderre, Adele Air, Jason Thompson and Colton Harris. Immaculee and Marvin Hernandez celebrate their wedding anniversary in *May*. Please keep them all in your prayers.

RE: St. Michaels' 2024 Stewardship Campaign - "Taking the Next Faithful Step": If you have not yet filled out a pledge card and sent it directly to Lynne Brisbane or placed the pledge card in the offertory collection plate please take a moment and do so. This will provide important information to Lynne in preparing and monitoring St. Michaels' 2024 operating budget.

Bible Study is held on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. All are welcome to join us. The access information is the same as it is to join us on Sunday mornings via Zoom. We are currently studying King Solomon and his writings.

**Regina Caeli
Queen of Heaven**

*(Recited at Noon from the Easter Vigil through Pentecost)
(English)*

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

R. *For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.*

V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.

R. *Pray for us to God, alleluia.*

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. *For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.*

Let us pray.

O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Regina Caeli
Queen of Heaven**

*(Recited at Noon from the Easter Vigil through Pentecost)
(Latin)*

V. Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia.

R. *Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.*

V. Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.

R. *Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.*

V. Gaude et laetare, Virgo Maria, alleluia.

R. *Quia surrexit Dominus vere, alleluia.*

Oremus.

Deus, qui per resurrectionem Filii tui, Domini nostri Iesu Christi, mundum laetificare dignatus es: praesta, quaesumus; ut per eius Genetricem Virginem Mariam, perpetuae capiamus gaudia vitae. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. *Amen.*



Hymns for Rogation Sunday -The Fifth Sunday After Easter

Processional - Hymn # 101 *(O Jesus, crowned with all renown)*

Offertory - Hymn # 497 *(O God of Bethel, by whose hand)*

Communion - Hymn # 213 *(Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless)*

Recessional - Hymn # 138 *(We plow the fields and scatter)*

Collects and Readings for Rogation Sunday -The Fifth Sunday After Easter

The Collect (PAM pgs C20, C23, C15, S87/BCP pgs 175-176/ see bulletin)

The Old Testament (KJV Bible/ see bulletin)

(Ezekiel 34:25-31)

The Epistle (PAM pgs C20-C21/BCP pg 176/KJV Bible/ see bulletin)

(St. James 1:22-27)

The Holy Gospel (PAM pg C21/BCP pgs 176-177/KJV Bible/ see bulletin)

(St. John 16:23-33)



Collect for The Fifth Sunday After Easter – Rogation Sunday

O LORD, from whom all good things do come : grant to us thy humble servânts; that by thy holy inspiration, we may think those things that are good, and by thy merciful guiding, may perform the same. Through thy Sôn, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever ône God, world without end. *Amen.*
(PAM pg C20/BCP pg 175-176)

Collect for Rogation Sunday

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God : that we who in all our troubles and adversities do put our trust and confidence in thy mercy, may ever be defended by thy mighty power. Through thy Sôn, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever ône God, world without end. *Amen.* (PAM pg C23)

Seasonal Collect of St. Mary

O LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, we beseech thee to keep us thy servants both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls : that by the glorious intercession of blessed Mary Ever-Virgin, we may be delivered from our present heaviness, and attain in the end to everlasting gladness. Through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.* (PAM pg C-15)

Seasonal Collect for the Church

WE beseech thee, O Lord, mercifully to hear the prayers ôf thy people : that, being delivered from all adversities and all false doctrines, thy Church may serve thee in freedom and quietness. Through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*
(PAM pg C-15)

Collect for the Conversion of St. Augustine, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor
O GOD, who hast adorned this day with the wondrous conversion of blessed Augustine, thy Confessôr and Bishop : grant, we beseech thêe; that as in thrusting aside the errors of heresy he was a bulwark unto thy Church, so by his praying for us he may be our defence against the assaults of the ancient enemy. Through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*
(PAM pg S87)

Old Testament Readings for Rogation Sunday - The Fifth Sunday After Easter

Ezekiel 34:25-31 (KJV Bible)

- 25 And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land: and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods.
- 26 And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing.
- 27 And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase, and they shall be safe in their land, and shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have broken the bands of their yoke, and delivered them out of the hand of those that served themselves of them.
- 28 And they shall no more be a prey to the heathen, neither shall the beast of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and none shall make *them* afraid.
- 29 And I will raise up for them a plant of renown, and they shall be no more consumed with hunger in the land, neither bear the shame of the heathen any more.
- 30 Thus shall they know that I the LORD their God *am* with them, and *that* they, *even* the house of Israel, *are* my people, saith the Lord GOD.
- 31 And ye my flock, the flock of my pasture, *are* men, and I *am* your God, saith the Lord GOD.

Epistle Reading for Rogation Sunday – The Fifth Sunday After Easter

St. James 1:22-27 (PAM pgs C20-C21/BCP pg 176/KJV Bible)

- 22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.
- 23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

- 24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.
- 25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.
- 26 If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.
- 27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

Holy Gospel Reading for Rogation Sunday – The Fifth Sunday After Easter

St. John 16:23-33 (PAM pg C21/BCP pgs 176-177/KJV Bible)

- 23 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.
- 24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.
- 25 These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father.
- 26 At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you:
- 27 For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God.
- 28 I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.
- 29 His disciples said unto him, Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no proverb.
- 30 Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from God.
- 31 Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe?
- 32 Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me.
- 33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

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