



# THE MESSENGER

WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ROBERTSON COUNTY

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## OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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### MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY – 8:30 AM  
WEDNESDAY – 6:30 PM  
THURSDAY – 8:30 AM  
FRIDAY – 8:30 AM  
SATURDAY – 8:30 AM  
VIGIL – 5:00 PM  
SUNDAY – 10:30 AM  
IN SPANISH – 1:00 PM  
HOLY DAY – 7:00 PM

### CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY – 9:00 AM - NOON  
BEFORE VIGIL MASS – 4:15 PM

### ROSARY

SATURDAY – 4:30 PM

### ADORATION

WEDNESDAY – 10:00 AM - 6:15 PM  
SATURDAY – 9:00 AM - NOON

### BENEDICTION

WEDNESDAY – 6:15 PM

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### MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY – 8 AM

### CONFESSIONS & ROSARY

BEFORE MASS – 7:30 AM

## MUSIC OF THE MASS

**PROCESSIONAL:** "We Gather Together" #820

**OFFERTORY:** "Lift High the Cross" #614

**COMMUNION:** *Instrumental*

## Pastor's Column

To the Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes & St. Michael:

In the next several weeks I will be featuring in this space some reaction to the Supreme Court decision in the landmark decision of *Obergefell v. Hodges*, June 26, 2015, which the Court held in a 5-4 decision that there is a fundamental right to marriage of same-sex couples, and it requires all states to issue such marriage licenses. This is very unfortunate for any number of reasons; including theological, legal, constitutional and morally. At first glance this decision may seem "harmless," but as we shall see, this decision now presents us and our children and grandchildren with an interpretation of the Constitution that truly widens the door to shrugging our

shoulders and accepting "legal" tyranny.

Please remember, all Catholics are to be *pro-holy* matrimony, *pro-family*, *pro-freedom* of religion. At the very least, this sets the church and state in a truly adversarial relationship; a relationship that is becoming more and more visceral; which is, sadly, very much like our current political discourse. Debate is gone; now we just shout at each other. The Church, throughout the world since Calvary, has been in this situation before. We will (or, probably our children and most certainly our grandchildren) be forced to choose between which faith they believe in. Is it the Catholic faith as has been

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handed down through the ages? Or something less, more palatable, which bends to what the “law,” or the “culture” dictates.

Fr. Robert Barron sets this issue in historical context with a column he recently wrote on June 29, 2015. Part One:

“Just last week, I had the privilege of spending four hours in the Sistine Chapel with my Word on Fire team. Toward the end of our filming, the director of the Vatican Museums, who had accompanied us throughout the process, asked whether I wanted to see the “Room of Tears.” This is the little antechamber, just off of the Sistine Chapel, where the newly elected Pope repairs in order to change into his white cassock. Understandably, tears begin to flow in that room, once the poor man realizes the weight of his office.

“Inside the small space, there were documents and other memorabilia, but what got my attention was a row of impressive albs, chasubles, and copes worn by various Popes across the years. I noticed the specially decorated cope of Pope Pius VI, who was one of the longest serving Pontiffs in history, reigning from 1775 to 1799. Pius was an outspoken opponent of the French Revolution and its bloody aftermath—and his forthrightness cost him dearly. French troops invaded Italy and demanded that the Pope renounce his claim to the Papal States. When he refused, he was arrested and imprisoned in a citadel in Valence, where he died six weeks later. In the room of tears, there was also a stole worn by Pius VI’s successor, Pius VII. This Pope Pius also ran afoul of the French, who, under Napoleon, invaded Italy in 1809 and took him prisoner. During his grim exile, he did manage to get off one of the greatest lines in Papal history. Evidently, Napoleon himself announced to the Pope that he was going to destroy the Church, to which Pius VII responded, “Oh my little man, you think you’re going to succeed in accomplishing what centuries of priests and bishops have tried and failed to do!”

ad Jesum per Mariam,  
Fr. Dean

## LOST & FOUND

Please check with the office if you have lost anything. We have had a few items turned into the office.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**July 12**

Breakfast Sunday at St. Michael

**July 15**

7:15 pm - Hispanic Ministry Meeting

**July 16**

7:00 pm - Religious Education  
Teachers Meeting

**July 25**

No Adoration or Confessions

**July 26**

11:30 am - Women's Ministry Meeting

## BUDGET MEETING REPORTS

Both Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Michael held their annual budget meetings. Members from the finance committee and the parish council attended these meetings.

The 2015/2016 fiscal year budget was passed at each meeting with no objections from any committee/council members.

Thank you to all of those who took time out of their busy schedules to attend the meetings.

## Our Lady of the Unexpected Joy

The icon is called "Our Lady of the Unexpected Joy," and is a mid-19th century hand-painted copy of an older Russian Orthodox icon. It depicts the moment of repentance and forgiveness in the life of a man. He is a man whom we do not know, but the Blessed Mother and the Christ Child know him. His sinfulness was not extraordinary, but it was something he had not taken seriously, as is the case with so many people, who are quick to excuse themselves, but not so quick to seek true and divine forgiveness.

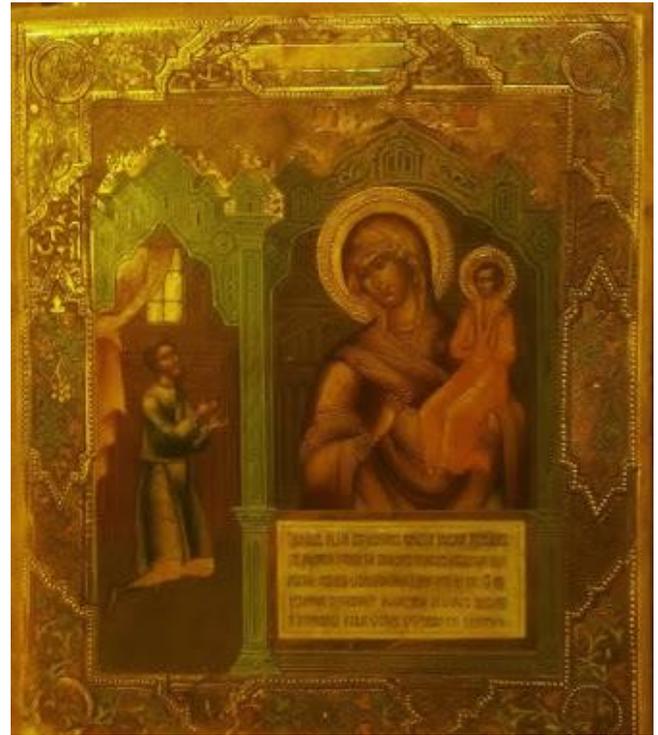
This little is profound on many levels: the sinful man, the loving Mother, the forgiving Saviour -- an unknown life changed, a man prepared for eternity with God -- all done so quietly, and put before us by an unknown artist.

This is the story:

There was a man who, despite living a sinful life, nonetheless had a pious love and devotion to the Mother of God. Without fail, he prayed daily before her image, saying those words once spoken by the Archangel Gabriel, "Rejoice, thou who art full of grace!"

It happened that as he was about to go off to engage in some sinful activity, he turned to pray before the icon of the Mother of God. Immediately he began to tremble, as he saw the image of the Mother of God appear to move. The wounds on the hands, feet and side of the Divine Infant opened, and from them blood began to flow. Falling down before the image, the man cried out, "O Lady, who has done this?"

The Mother of God answered, "You and other sinners once again are crucifying my Son. You call me merciful, but then why do you insult me with your lawless acts?" "O my Mistress," answered the sinner, "may my sins not overcome your inexpressible goodness! You are the only hope of all sinners. Entreat your Son and our God on my behalf."



Our Lady twice repeated her prayer to the Infant Christ, but He remained adamant, until finally He responded to the persistent entreaties of the Mother of God: "I will fulfill your request. May your wish be granted. Because of you, this person's sins are remitted. Let him, in token of forgiveness, kiss My wounds."

And so, the forgiven sinner, before whom the inexhaustible mercy of the Mother of God was manifest in such a wonderful manner, raised himself up from the ground, and with inexpressible and unexpected joy kissed the wounds of his Saviour. From that moment, he lived a clean and pious life.

On this icon is depicted the man, on his knees, praying before the image of the Mother of God. Below the image are written the opening words of the story, "There was a certain transgressor..."

This can be the story of each of us. We are called to repentance; Mary intercedes; Christ forgives, and we are changed.

Fr. Phillipps  
Our Lady of the Atonement  
San Antonio TX

# PRAYER LIST

## HEALING

\*Sandra Armour  
\*Ernie Axley Sr.  
\*June Bell  
\*Shannon Bell  
\*Susie Bess  
\*Dorothy Bradley  
\*Robert Bradley  
\*Cheryl Bush  
\*Jerry Bush  
\*Don Cole  
\*Tom Cuff  
\*Eva Davanport  
\*Bea Heatherly  
\*Macky Hunter  
\*Thelma Lee  
\*Ann Marie Legate  
\*Rosa Priest  
\*Nora Rabie  
\*Mary Senecal  
\*Robert Senecal  
\*Dee Smoker  
\*Gloria Snow  
\*Mary Stout  
\*Joyce Traughber

## PETITIONS

\*For the respect and protection of human life.

## DEPARTED AND THOSE WHO MOURN

\*Please pray for the repose of the soul of Annette Thomas and Glen Isom.

## HOMEBOUND

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES

\*Dorothy Crosslin  
\*Claudia Traughber  
\*Mary Ann Klimek  
\*R.C. Boyle  
\*Dorothy Johnson  
\*Tom Crumpler  
\*Patty Zawierucha

### ST. MICHAEL

\*John Baker  
\*Elizabeth Jenkins  
\*Robert & Regina Head

## ASSIGNMENTS

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES

SATURDAY – 7/18/2015

*Lector:* Shelby Hostettler  
*Extraordinary Ministers:*  
Carol Huddleston & Connie Mitchell  
*Ushers:* John Schwarz & Volunteer

*Altar Server:* Volunteer

SUNDAY – 7/19/2015

*Lector:* Taryon Carney  
*Extraordinary Ministers:*  
Nathan Smith & David Johnson  
*Ushers:* Paul Nutting & Volunteer  
*Altar Servers:* Holly & Brianna Wiemelt  
*Collection Counters:* Kendra Monfette, Taylor Johnson, Jessie Johnson & Joan Byrne

### ST. MICHAEL

SUNDAY – 7/19/2015

*Lector:* John Restey  
*Extraordinary Ministers:*  
Anna Tinkle & Linda Harbert  
*Usher/Greeter:* Debbie Traughber  
*Collection Counters:*  
Sandy Sawyer & Bob Cyprus

## GOSPEL: July 13 - July 18

MONDAY: *Matthew 10:34-11:1*

TUESDAY: *Matthew 11:20-24*

*St. Kateri Tekakwitha*

WEDNESDAY: *Matthew 11:25-27*

*St. Bonaventure*

THURSDAY: *Matthew 11:28-30*

FRIDAY: *Matthew 12:1-8*

SATURDAY: *Matthew 12:14-21*

## OFFERING

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES

7/5

Parish: \$4,243.25

### ST. MICHAEL

7/5

Parish: \$1,793.00

## MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS 5:00 PM

SUNDAY MASS 8:00 AM

SUNDAY MASS 10:30 AM

TUESDAY MASS 8:30 AM

WEDNESDAY MASS 6:30 PM

THURSDAY MASS 8:30 AM

FRIDAY MASS 8:30 AM

SATURDAY MASS 8:30 AM

For the repose of the soul of Joyce Ashburn by Jerry & Jenny Gonyea

For the repose of the souls of Joe, Ruth, Gayle & Brenda Cotter by Tony & Cathy Cotter

For the intentions of Jenny Gonyea by Terry & Brenda Kelch

For the repose of the soul of Joyce Ashburn by Mary Jackson

For the repose of the soul of Beatrice Doucet by Richard & Thelma Lee

For the repose of the soul of Joyce Ashburn by Frank & Kendra Monfette

For the repose of the soul of Joyce Ashburn by Brenda & Terry Kelch

For the intentions of June Bell by Harry & Thelma Lee

The flowers on the altar at Our Lady of Lourdes are donated by Margaret Calvin

The flowers on the altar at St. Michael are donated by Macky & Joann Hunter