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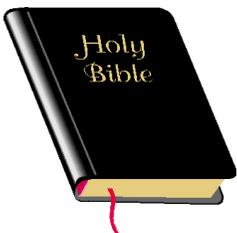


The reign of God is like a Mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches. – *Luke 13:19b*

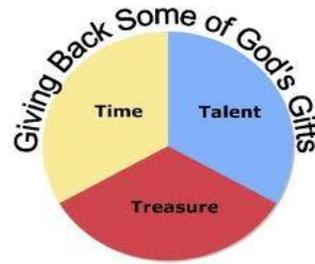
## Marriage



During this year of Mercy, you may be asking yourself, where is God's Mercy, if you are currently going through a divorce or have experienced a divorce in the past – especially, if you've been hurt very deeply. Just as assuredly as God did not abandon *Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego* in the fiery flames of the furnace that *King Nebuchadnezzar* had them cast into (*Daniel 3:1-100*), neither has He abandoned you. The Church, through *God's Divine Mercy*, is here to help you through this troubling time, during your journey of faith. Please feel free to contact a priest or a deacon to assist you with this pastoral matter. The LORD Loves you!



When I found your words, I devoured them; they became my joy and the happiness of my heart – *Jeremiah 15:16*



## Stewardship

### Four Tenets:

- Follow faithfully
- Share generously
- Live responsibly
- Possess lightly

Let Christ be the channel of His gifts within you, and you will find eternal joy within you.



## The Extraordinary Jubilee

### Year of Mercy

"[Let] the greatest sinners place their trust in My mercy. They have the right before others to trust in the abyss of My mercy. ... Souls that make an appeal to

My mercy delight me. To such souls I grant even more graces than they ask. ..." – #1146, *Saint Faustina Dairy*



If you want to find true love, peace, joy and happiness, look to Christ Crucified and the love, peace, joy and happiness He possesses in during His Heavenly Father's Will. But

first, we must let go of what's keeping us from experiencing the true love, peace, joy and happiness that our Heavenly Father freely gives us. Especially, when it comes to hanging on to our fears. May we always remember that there is no fear in love, because perfect love drives out fear ... Our true God loves us and He will never abandon us. – *1 John 4:18 and Deuteronomy 4:31.*

## JOURNEY OF FAITH CORNER - February 27-28, 2016



*"The Heavens Proclaim the Glory of God"*

*May our hearts, minds and words reflect this Lenten Season that we serve a God of the living.*



The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) sessions are provided weekly for non-Catholics, who wish to know more about the Catholic faith. RCIA sessions meet every Sunday morning, from 1130 – 1300, in the Center Chaplain's Office Conference Room. RCIA begins with an *Inquiry* stage, during which participants are given a basic overall presentation of what Catholics believe and how they worship. For all those who then feel they are called to pursue membership in the Catholic Church, there follows a *Catechumenate* stage, where a more in-depth presentation of the teachings of the Catholic faith is given. During the *Purification and Enlightenment* stage, the "elect" – continuing to meet weekly – seek to deepen their faith and, through discussion, prayer and reflection, achieve a more personal conversion in their lives. Following initiation into the Church at the *Easter Vigil*, the new Catholics, or "*neophytes*," meet again in the *Mystagoga* stage, to encourage one another as they prepare to live out their Catholic faith in the world. The RCIA sessions are held in an informal manner and, throughout the process, participants are

encouraged to ask questions and share experiences, as well as to grow in fellowship with one another and our faith community. For those who do not have a practicing Catholic to sponsor them in this faith journey, our faith community will be happy to provide one for them! For more information, contact Cecil, at (706) 869-7853 or email: [rcia@saintmichaelparishfg.org](mailto:rcia@saintmichaelparishfg.org).



**Children's  
Catechists are  
needed:**

Are you looking for a rewarding calling to serve? What could be more gratifying than teaching our children about Jesus? We need more adult volunteers to share the Word with our St. Michael faith community children - during our faith formation sessions, on Sundays. To volunteer, call Kim, at (443) 618-9017.

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK FOR ADULTS

#### Tempered with Humility

What important work could bear fruit in your life - right now - if you had more confidence in God's loving care?

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK FOR CHILDREN

What great work would you like to do as you grow older? What can you do to begin now?

*Be Bold, Be Catholic!*

*Pray the Rosary, daily!*

*And,*



*"Pax et Bonum!"*

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