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A Devotional for

St. Michael & All Angels |
San Miguel y todos los Angeles



All Saints through
the Season of Advent

A Message from the Clergy

Beauty is always all around us, though sometimes we move too quickly to notice: a sunrise breaking through the clouds; the aroma of coffee shared with a friend; laughter of children; poetic lyrics to a familiar hymn or soaring transcendent harmonies in a glorious anthem; the touch of a hand offered in comfort.

Scripture encourages God's people to set our minds on "whatever is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, and worthy of praise" (Philippians 4:8). When we pause long enough to pay attention, we begin to recognize that beauty is not simply to be observed or appreciated. It reveals divine presence in the world and in our lives. As a community, we are learning that to bless beauty is first to notice it, receive it with gratitude, and allow it to draw us closer to God and one another.

This devotional booklet is an invitation to practice noticing. Through simple reflections and activities engaging the senses, we invite you to become more aware of the beauty woven throughout your daily life. Some moments may seem ordinary, while others may surprise you with unexpected grace. As you move through these pages, we encourage you to slow down, pay attention, and reflect on where God may be meeting you. May this practice deepen your gratitude, awaken your sense of wonder, and help you discover new ways to bless the beauty already present within you, around you, and among us as the beloved community of St. Michael & All Angels.

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The Feast of All Saints; November 1, 2026

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom

of heaven.
"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Monday after
the 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Read the Scripture passage for the Sunday beginning on page 5.

Reflection question:

What is a word, image or phrase from the reading that speaks to you from the passage?

Activity

Take a few minutes to respond to this word or image by writing, drawing, or humming a tune.

Tuesday after
the 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Read the Scripture passage for the Sunday beginning on page 5.

Reflection question:

How does this passage speak to your relationship with God?

Daily activity:

As you go through your day, pause and notice when a word, image or phrase from the passage comes to mind.

Wednesday after the 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Read the Scripture passage for the Sunday beginning on page 5.

Reflection question:

How does this passage expand your awareness or understanding of what is beautiful?

Daily activity:

Take a picture of something beautiful during the day. Share it with someone else.

Thursday after
the 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Read the Scripture passage for the Sunday beginning on page 5.

Reflection question:

How does this passage speak to your relationship with other people?

Daily activity:

Reach out to someone today with a note, phone call, or an unexpected visit. Make a connection.

Friday after
the 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Read the Scripture passage for the Sunday beginning on page 5.

Reflection question:

How does this passage challenge your assumption or your ways of thinking about the world?

Daily activity:

Do something new or unexpected today.

Saturday after
the 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Read the Scripture passage for the Sunday beginning on page 5.

Reflection question:

How does this Gospel reading for this week challenge you to change or act differently in your life?

Daily activity:

Look for an opportunity today to practice this new way of being or doing.

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost,

Proper 27: November 8, 2026

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was

shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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the 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Read the Scripture passage for the Sunday beginning on page 13.

Reflection question:

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Read the Scripture passage for the Sunday beginning on page 13.

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Reflection question:

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Daily activity:

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The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost,

Proper 28: October 25, 2026

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy

in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an

abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Monday after
the 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Read the Scripture passage for the Sunday beginning on page 21.

Reflection question:

What is a word, image or phrase from the reading that speaks to you from the passage?

Daily activity:

Take a few minutes to respond to this word or image by writing, drawing, or humming a tune.

Tuesday after
the 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Read the Scripture passage for the Sunday beginning on page 21.

Reflection question:

How does this passage speak to your relationship with God?

Daily activity:

As you go through your day, pause and notice when a word, image or phrase from the passage comes to mind.

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Read the Scripture passage for the Sunday beginning on page 21.

Reflection question:

How does this passage expand your awareness or understanding of what is beautiful?

Daily activity:

Take a picture of something beautiful during the day. Share it with someone else.

Thursday after
the 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Read the Scripture passage for the Sunday beginning on page 21.

Reflection question:

How does this passage speak to your relationship with other people?

Daily activity:

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the 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Read the Scripture passage for the Sunday beginning on page 21.

Reflection question:

How does this passage challenge your assumption or your ways of thinking about the world?

Daily activity:

Do something new or unexpected today.

Saturday after
the 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Read the Scripture passage for the Sunday beginning on page 21.

Reflection question:

How does this Gospel reading for this week challenge you to change or act differently in your life?

Daily activity:

Look for an opportunity today to practice this new way of being or doing.

The Last Sunday after Pentecost,

The Reign of Christ: November 22, 2026

Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we

saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to

me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Monday after
the Last Sunday after Pentecost

Read the Scripture passage for the Sunday beginning on page 30.

Reflection question:

What is a word, image or phrase from the reading that speaks to you from the passage?

Daily activity:

Take a few minutes to respond to this word or image by writing, drawing, or humming a tune.

Tuesday after
the Last Sunday after Pentecost

Read the Scripture passage for the Sunday beginning on page 30.

Reflection question:

How does this passage speak to your relationship with God?

Daily activity:

As you go through your day, pause and notice when a word, image or phrase from the passage comes to mind.

Wednesday after
the Last Sunday after Pentecost

Read the Scripture passage for the Sunday beginning on page 30.

Reflection question:

How does this passage expand your awareness or understanding of what is beautiful?

Daily activity:

Take a picture of something beautiful during the day. Share it with someone else.

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the Last Sunday after Pentecost

Read the Scripture passage for the Sunday beginning on page 30.

Reflection question:

How does this passage speak to your relationship with other people?

Daily activity:

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Reflection question:

How does this passage challenge your assumption or your ways of thinking about the world?

Daily activity:

Do something new or unexpected today.

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Reflection question:

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Daily activity:

Look for an opportunity today to practice this new way of being or doing.

The First Sunday of Advent,

November 29, 2026

Mark 13:24-37

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a

journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Monday after
the First Sunday of Advent

Read the Scripture passage for the Sunday beginning on page 39.

Reflection question:

What is a word, image or phrase from the reading that speaks to you from the passage?

Daily activity:

Take a few minutes to respond to this word or image by writing, drawing, or humming a tune.

Tuesday after
the First Sunday of Advent

Read the Scripture passage for the Sunday beginning on page 39.

Reflection question:

How does this passage speak to your relationship with God?

Daily activity:

As you go through your day, pause and notice when a word, image or phrase from the passage comes to mind.

Wednesday after
the First Sunday of Advent

Read the Scripture passage for the Sunday beginning on page 39.

Reflection question:

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Reflection question:

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Saturday after
the First Sunday in Advent

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Reflection question:

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Daily activity:

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The Second Sunday of Advent,

December 6, 2026

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized

you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Monday after
the Second Sunday of Advent

Read the Scripture passage for the Sunday beginning on page 47.

Reflection question:

What is a word, image or phrase from the reading that speaks to you from the passage?

Daily activity:

Take a few minutes to respond to this word or image by writing, drawing, or humming a tune.

Tuesday after
the Second Sunday of Advent

Read the Scripture passage for the Sunday beginning on page 47.

Reflection question:

How does this passage speak to your relationship with God?

Daily activity:

As you go through your day, pause and notice when a word, image or phrase from the passage comes to mind.

Wednesday after
the Second Sunday of Advent

Read the Scripture passage for the Sunday beginning on page 47.

Reflection question:

How does this passage expand your awareness or understanding of what is beautiful?

Daily activity:

Take a picture of something beautiful during the day. Share it with someone else.

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the Second Sunday of Advent

Read the Scripture passage for the Sunday beginning on page 47.

Reflection question:

How does this passage speak to your relationship with other people?

Daily activity:

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Friday after
the Second Sunday of Advent

Read the Scripture passage for the Sunday beginning on page 47.

Reflection question:

How does this passage challenge your assumption or your ways of thinking about the world?

Daily activity:

Do something new or unexpected today.

Saturday after
the Second Sunday in Advent

Read the Scripture passage for the Sunday beginning on page 47.

Reflection question:

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Daily activity:

Look for an opportunity today to practice this new way of being or doing.

The Third Sunday of Advent,

December 13, 2026

John 1:6-8, 19-28

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you

baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Monday after
the Third Sunday of Advent

Read the Scripture passage for the Sunday beginning on page 55.

Reflection question:

What is a word, image or phrase from the reading that speaks to you from the passage?

Daily activity:

Take a few minutes to respond to this word or image by writing, drawing, or humming a tune.

Tuesday after
the Third Sunday of Advent

Read the Scripture passage for the Sunday beginning on page 55.

Reflection question:

How does this passage speak to your relationship with God?

Daily activity:

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Wednesday after
the Third Sunday of Advent

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Saturday after
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The Fourth Sunday of Advent,

December 20, 2026

Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her,

“The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Monday after
the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Read the Scripture passage for the Sunday beginning on page 63.

Reflection question:

What is a word, image or phrase from the reading that speaks to you from the passage?

Daily activity:

Take a few minutes to respond to this word or image by writing, drawing, or humming a tune.

Tuesday after
the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Read the Scripture passage for the Sunday beginning on page 63.

Reflection question:

How does this passage speak to your relationship with God?

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the Fourth Sunday of Advent

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