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MEET MARIA EDMOND

*Get to know our new
Director of Religious Education*



Maria has been a member of St. Michael's parish since 2015, when she first discovered the church while working nearby.

After moving to Union, New Jersey, in 2021, she has remained an active and dedicated volunteer.

She received her education in Catholic schools from kindergarten through college, earning an Accountancy degree from Ateneo de Zamboanga University, followed by a second degree in Nursing. Prior to relocating to the United States, Maria actively participated in various church ministries in the Philippines, assisting with catechism and helping prepare children for the Sacraments.

Professionally, Maria built a career in banking and government service in the Philippines, ultimately serving as a Branch Accountant before retiring and moving to the U.S.

By God's grace, Maria now serves as the Coordinator of Religious Education at St. Michael Church. She continues to dedicate herself to faith formation, supporting families and parish life with unwavering commitment, service, and love for the community.

FAITH FORMATION

GOD'S WILL

No Time Like the Present

For years of my life, I thought God's will was "somewhere out there." I perceived it was in the future. The more I lived my Catholic Christian life, I realized God's purpose was in the present. So, how can we find God's will for our lives now? It can be found in thanksgiving, service, and holiness.

First, 1 Thessalonians 5:18 states, "In all circumstances, give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." We thank God for blessings in good times, and in difficult times. It is hard during trials, but it builds character.

Second, in Acts 13:36, "Now David, after he had served the will of God in his lifetime." We can do more for our spouses joyfully, spend more time with our children, offer a new talent to our parish, or pray for those in desperate need.

Third, 1 Thessalonians 4:3 indicates "This is the will of God, your holiness." How can we grow in sanctification? We can avoid a place to sin, and decide not to commit it. Also, we can be different in the workplace; for example, if others are not honest, we can be truthful.

When we conform to God's will, we live in the present. Similarly, the offering of Jesus on the cross in the Mass is in the eternal present.

By Chuck Cababe

3RD LUMINOUS MYSTERY

Proclamation of the Kingdom

Passages to reflect on:

Mt. 1:15 - "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel."

Mt. 28:19-20 "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

We are all sinners who are called to repent and turn our lives towards God. With each choice we make, we can take one step closer to or farther from God. It is up to us to constantly choose God above all else. By choosing to follow God, we are making strides to be with Him in eternity. We must also be a good example for those around us. We are called to make disciples of all nations and spread the Good News.

We are called to let our Christian light shine through us not just when it is easy but especially when it is difficult or makes us uncomfortable. It is our mission to enter the Kingdom of God and help those around us to get there as well.

By Christina Dziezic

SAINTS & US TODAY

St. Dymphna



St. Dymphna was born in Ireland in the 7th century. Her mother was a devout Christian and her

There she built a hospital for the poor and sick. St. Dymphna was martyred and after her death many churches and shrines were built in her honor. Many people suffering from mental illnesses were cured after praying at her shrines.

St. Dymphna, patron saint of mental health, please be with those who are suffering during this holiday season. I implore your intercession to Jesus that we have peace and comfort. St. Dymphna, martyr of purity, pray for us.

By Christina Dziedzic



St. Augustine

- African
- Bishop of Hippo
- Charity
- City of God
- Community
- Confessions
- Doctor of the Church
- Heart Arrow Book
- Love
- Mendicant Order

- Ministry
- Original Sin
- Pope Leo
- St Augustine
- St Monica
- Theologian
- Truth
- Unitas Veritas Caritas
- Unity
- Villanova

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