

# Our Lady of Loretto and St Michael

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the most high,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
In the glory of God the Father. Amen

**FIRST READING** A reading from the prophet Jeremiah  
(1:4-5,17-19)

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was  
addressed to me, saying,

‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;  
before you came to birth I consecrated you;  
I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.  
So now brace yourself for action.

Stand up and tell them  
all I command you.

Do not be dismayed at their presence,  
or in their presence I will make you dismayed.

I, for my part, today will make you  
into a fortified city,  
a pillar of iron,  
and a wall of bronze  
to confront all this land;  
the kings of Judah, its princes,  
its priests and the country people.

They will fight against you  
but shall not overcome you,  
for I am with you to deliver you –  
it is the Lord who speaks.’ **The word of the Lord.**

**R. My lips will tell of your help.**

In you, O Lord, I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.

In your justice rescue me, free me:  
pay heed to me and save me. **R.**

Be a rock where I can take refuge,  
a mighty stronghold to save me;  
for you are my rock, my stronghold.  
Free me from the hand of the wicked. **R.**

It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,  
my trust, O Lord, since my youth.  
On you I have leaned from my birth,  
from my mother’s womb you have been my help. **R.**

My lips will tell of your justice  
and day by day of your help.  
O God, you have taught me from my youth  
and I proclaim your wonders still. **R.**

**SECOND READING** A reading from the first letter of St  
Paul to the Corinthians (12:31-13:13)

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to  
show you a way that is better than any of them.

If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but  
speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a  
cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy;  
understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing  
everything; and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move  
mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all.  
If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and  
even if I let them take my body to burn it, but am  
without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love  
is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or  
selfish; it does not take offence, and it is not resentful.  
Love takes no pleasure in other people’s sins but  
delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to  
trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of  
prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or  
the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and  
knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is  
imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect  
things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk  
like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child,  
but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind  
me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror;  
but then we shall be seeing face to face. The

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knowledge that I have now is imperfect, but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

**The word of the Lord.**

AND NOW ABIDETH

# Faith, Hope, Charity

these three; but the greatest of these is

# CHARITY

— 1 Corinthians 13:13

**Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no-one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (4:21-30)

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, 'Physician, heal yourself' and tell me, 'We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside.'

And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.'

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but one of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to a brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away. **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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**The Nicene Creed**

**I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate (all bow until man)  
of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and  
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and  
the life of the world to come. Amen**



**Wednesday is the Feast of the Presentation of  
Christ in the Temple or Candlemas.  
Jesus is a Light to enlighten the nations**