

“I urge you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship.” Rm 12:1

Out of respect for Our Lord Jesus Christ and for the edification of our neighbor, we beg all to appear in Church decent in deportment and modest in dress.

However, no one has the right to question others, especially visitors. It belongs to the parish priest alone to instruct the laity when they repeatedly dress or deport below expectation.

For gentlemen and lads: Neither shorts, T-shirts nor sneakers meet the norms of modesty.

For ladies and girls: Neither shorts, slacks, sleeveless, short nor low-cut dresses meet the norms of modesty.

Furthermore, according to apostolic custom or Church law, gentlemen are bareheaded in church, and ladies are requested to cover their heads.

Thank you for your charity.

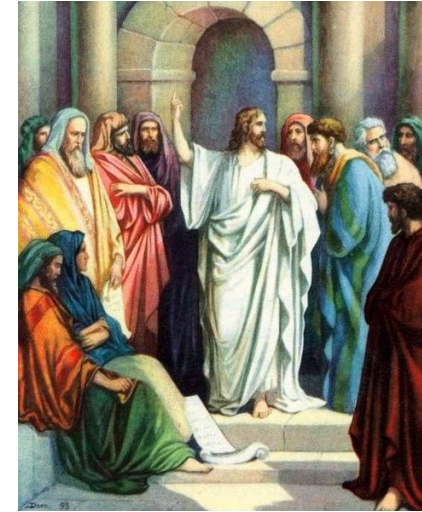
Mass Times and Feasts From
March 26th - April 3rd

Date	Time	Devotion	Feast Day
Sunday, 26 th	7:30am 10:00am 4:00pm	Low Mass High Mass Low Mass	Passion Sunday
Monday, 27 th	-	-	Monday in Passion Week <i>Commemoration of St. John Damascene, Confessor and Doctor of the Church</i>
Tuesday, 28 th	-	-	Tuesday in Passion Week <i>Commemoration of St. John Capistrano, Confessor</i>
Wednesday, 29 th	6:30pm	Family Rosary in the Chapel - All Invited	Wednesday in Passion Week
Thursday, 30 th	-	-	Thursday in Passion Week
Friday, 31 st	5:00pm 5:20pm 6:00pm	Confessions Stations of the Cross High Mass	Seven Sorrows of the B.V.M.
Saturday, 1 st	8:00am 9:00am	Confessions Low Mass First Saturday Devotions	Saturday in Passion Week (First Saturday) First Saturday Devotions after 9am Mass
Sunday, 2 nd	7:30am 10:00am 4:00pm	Low Mass High Mass Low Mass	Palm Sunday
Monday, 3 rd	-	-	Monday in Holy Week

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CHURCH

THE SOCIETY OF SAINT PIUS X

March 26th, Passion Sunday



Gregorian Latin liturgy

Until 1969, the various Catholic liturgies were all of apostolic origin. The Gregorian Latin liturgy, celebrated in this church, follows the tradition of Saint Peter, the first Pope, and has never undergone any essential change till the present time. Every gesture, every word has been weighed and measured with the assistance of the Holy Ghost for the greatest glory of God and the salvation of souls.

Welcome, Visitors!

We thank you for coming. Whether you are just visiting us for a brief time, looking for a spiritual home, are returning to the practice of Catholic faith or are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church; we are happy to have you here, as you are. Please take time to read this bulletin, to meet with the priest after Mass and to socialize.

Hospitality

“Let the charity of the brotherhood abide in you and hospitality do not forget; for by this some, being not aware of it, have entertained angels.” (Heb. 13, 1-2) “Wherefore receive one another, as Christ also hath received you unto the honor of God.” (Rom. 15, 7)



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News and Announcements

Ora et Labora: Chapel workday will take place after the 9 AM Mass on First Saturday, Apr 1st. Volunteers needed—Additional details will follow in an email to parishioners.

Almsgiving Opportunities for Lent: Baby bottles are provided from the Women's Help Center. Please take one or several home to fill up and return on Easter Sunday. Contact Jo Edmondson if you have questions or if you would like to also make and donate a blanket for terminally ill patients.

Pascua Florida Pilgrimage™ April 11-16, 2023 from St. Thomas More Church in Sanford to the Mission Nombre de Dios in St. Augustine: Please consider sponsoring the many priests, FSSPX Brothers, and seminarians making the pilgrimage. They will carry their sponsors' intentions to our Lady of LaLeche. Sponsorship forms are in the vestibule. Thank you! Pilgrimage volunteers, especially drivers, are greatly appreciated. (Major workers receive free participation in the pilgrimage.) Please contact (407) 212-3032 or stma.office@gmail.com for information and to volunteer. See sspflorida.com for information on the pilgrimage.

2023 Ignatian Retreats at St. Thomas More Church in Sanford: Women's: **June 26-July 1.** Men's: **July 3-8.** Spaces fill up very quickly. Retreat registration forms are in the vestibule and on the website. For more information visit sspflorida.com

Reminders:

- † Children's Catechism is every second and fourth Sunday of the Month.
- † Please place your donations for the church expansion into the building fund container. Visit www.StMichaelCatholic.org/expansion-project for updates on the status of the project.
- † If you are not already getting the important announcements that Father asks to be sent out, please email info@stmichaelcatholic.org with your name and phone number so we can add you to the list. All information is kept confidential.

Please pray for the faithful departed of St. Michael's

Louis Selthoffer, Teresa Courtney, Joe Courtney, Mary Newland, Jim O'Brien, Mac Mruz, Ruth Mruz, Elizabeth Coughlin, Bill Crowley, Harry Nevin, Angela Berger, Terry Rice, Lucille Nichols, Sally Grounds, Brady Brower, Fern Brower, Russel Bucca, Mamie Bucca, Kenneth Hollis, Ila Jo Hollis, Jeffery Smith, Coburn Walker, Lillian Walker, David Walker, June Roberts, Philip Graham, George Spositi, Roy Hatten, Eric Webber, Neil Ortagus, Stephanie Lorenzana, Asuncion Salazar Mella, Patricia Hays, Wilma Allen.

"The LORD is in his Holy Temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him." (Hab. 2, 20)



On the Danger to Which Tepidity Exposes the Soul

"But Jesus hid himself." JOHN viii. 59

JESUS CHRIST "is the true light which enlighteneth every man that cometh into this world." (John i. 9.) He enlightens all; but he cannot enlighten those who voluntarily shut their eyes to the light; from them the Saviour hides himself. How then can they, walking in darkness, escape the many dangers of perdition to which we are exposed in this life, which God has given us as the road to eternal happiness? I will endeavour today to convince you of the great danger into which tepidity brings the soul, since it makes Jesus Christ hide his divine light from her, and makes him less liberal in bestowing upon her the graces and helps, without which she shall find it very difficult to complete the journey of this life without falling into an abyss that is, into mortal sin.

A tepid soul is not one that lives in enmity with God, nor one that sometimes commits venial sins through mere frailty, and not with full deliberation. On account of the corruption of nature by original sin, no man can be exempt from such venial faults. This corruption of nature renders it impossible for us, without a most special grace, which has been given only to the mother of God, to avoid all venial sins during our whole lives. Hence St. John has said: "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." (1 John i. 8.) God permits defects of this kind, even in the saints, to keep them humble, and to make them feel that, as they commit such faults in spite of all their good purposes and promises, so also, were they not supported by his divine hand, they would fall into mortal sins. Hence, when we find that we have committed these light faults, we must humble ourselves, and acknowledging our own weakness, we must be careful to recommend ourselves to God, and implore of him to preserve us, by his almighty hand, from more grievous transgressions, and to deliver us from those we have committed.

Miserable the soul that allows herself to be the slave of any passion. "Behold, how small a fire what a great wood it kindleth." (St. James iii. 5.) A small spark, if it be not extinguished, will set fire to an entire wood; that is, an unmodified passion shall bring the soul to ruin. Passion blinds us; and the blind often fall into an abyss when they least expect it.

According to St. Ambrose, the devil is constantly endeavouring to find out the passion which rules in our heart, and the pleasures which have the greatest attraction for us. When he discovers them, he presents occasions of indulging them: he then excites concupiscence, and prepares a chain to make us the slaves of hell.

Let us come to the remedy. The amendment of a tepid soul is difficult; but there are remedies for those who wish to adopt them. First, the tepid must sincerely desire to be delivered from a state which, as we have seen, is so miserable and dangerous; for, without this desire, they shall not take pains to employ the proper means. Secondly, they must resolve to remove the occasions of their faults; otherwise they will always relapse into the same defects. Thirdly, they must earnestly beg of the Lord to raise them from so wretched a state. By their own strength they can do nothing; but they can do all things with the assistance of God, who has promised to hear the prayers of all. "Ask, and it shall be given; seek, and you shall find." (Luke xi. 9.) We must pray, and continue to pray without interruption. If we cease to pray we shall be defeated; but if we persevere in prayer we shall conquer.