

“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. **Thank you for your charity.**

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.

**Mass Times and Feasts From
September 24th - October 2nd**

Date	Time	Devotion	Feast Day
Sunday, 24 th	7:30am 10:00am 4:00pm	Low Mass High Mass Low Mass	Dominica XVII Sunday after Pentecost
Monday, 25 th	-	-	Feria
Tuesday, 26 th	-	-	Feria
Wednesday, 27 th	6:30pm	Family Rosary in the Chapel - All Invited	Sts. Cosmas and Damian <i>Martyrs</i>
Thursday, 28 th	10:00 am	Funeral Mass for Joseph O'Meara	St. Wenceslaus <i>Duke and Martyr</i>
Friday, 29 th	5:00pm 6:00pm	Confessions Low Mass	Dedication of St. Michael the Archangel
Saturday, 30 th	8:00 am 9:00am	Confessions Low Mass	St. Jerome <i>Priest, Confessor and Doctor of the Church</i>
Sunday, 1 st	7:30am 10:00am 4:00pm	Low Mass High Mass Low Mass	XVIII Sunday after Pentecost Rosary Sunday
Monday, 2 nd	-	-	Holy Guardian Angels

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CHURCH

THE SOCIETY OF SAINT PIUS X

September 24th, XVII Sunday after Pentecost



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

Please remember prayers for Fr. Haynos' recovery.

Adult Catechism begins after the 10 am Mass today in the modular.

Solemnity of St. Michael - A feast will be held on October 01 after the 10:00 AM Mass honoring our patron. The main course will be provided by the church, but we ask for assistance providing sides. Please check your emails for the potluck signup sheet.

You are cordially invited to watch the St. John Bosco Schoolhouse's theater class perform scenes from Catholic History during the St. Michael's Feast. No admission fee.

Chapel Workday - Saturday, September 30. There are still many unclaimed tasks. Please help us get ready for the Feast of St. Michael. Those who have asked us to reach out to them with opportunities to volunteer have received an email with further details on how to sign up.

Confirmation Banquet - Lunch will be catered after the Confirmations in Sanford. If you plan to attend, please RSVP online by October 1st deadline so that we can provide a proper headcount. Contact Alex Walker at 904-514-4971 for assistance.

Parish Registration - Please complete the online census that will allow us to keep our records current and convey pertinent information. See the flyer in the vestibule if you have not already registered online.

Angelus Press Conference - Will be held October 19 - 22 in Kansas City.

Spanish Laity Retreats: Offered for women in Phoenix this year, November 6 – 11.

Reminders

† Please email info@stmichaelcatholic.org with your name and phone number so we can add you to the confidential list to receive important announcements from Father Thomas.

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, Jerry Nichols, Marty Kelly, Joseph O'Meara.

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



On the Love of God

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart." MATT. xxii. 37

SERMONS OF ST. ALPHONSUS

"But one thing is necessary." (Luke x. 42.) It is not necessary to acquire riches, nor to obtain dignities, nor to gain a great name. The only thing necessary is to love God. Whatever is not done for the love of God is lost. This is the greatest and the first commandment of the divine law. To the Pharisee who asked what is the greatest commandment of the law, Jesus Christ answered: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart This is the greatest and first commandment." (Matt. xxii. 37, 38.) But this, which is the greatest of the commandments, is the most despised by men: there are few who fulfil it. The greater part of men love their relatives, their friends, and even brute animals, but do not love God. Of these St. John says they have not life, they are dead. "He that loveth not, abideth in death." (I John iii. 14.) St. Bernard writes, that the reward of a soul is estimated by the measure of her love for God.

How dear this command of loving God with our whole heart ought to be to us

What object more noble, powerful, beautiful, bountiful, merciful, grateful, amiable, or more loving, than himself, could God give us to love? Who more noble than God? Some boast of the nobility of their family for five hundred or a thousand years; but the nobility of God is eternal. He is the Lord of all. Before God all the angels in heaven or all the nobles on earth are but as a drop of water or a grain of dust. Who more powerful than God? He can do whatsoever he wills. By an act of his will he has created this world, and by another act he can destroy it when he pleases. Who more beautiful? Before the beauty of God all the beauties of creatures disappear. Who more bountiful? St. Augustine says, that God has a greater desire to do good to us than we have to receive it. Who more merciful? If the most impious sinner on earth humble himself before God, and repent of his sins, God instantly pardons and embraces him. Who more grateful? He does not leave unrewarded the smallest act we perform for his sake. The greatest of the torments of the damned arise from knowing that this God is so amiable, and that they cannot love him.

What we ought to do in order to love God with our whole heart

To obtain and to preserve divine love, three things are necessary: meditation, communion, and prayer. First, meditation is necessary. He who thinks but little on God, loves him but little. "In my meditation," says David, "a fire shall flame out." (Ps. xxxviii. 4.) Meditation, and particularly meditation on the passion of Jesus Christ, is the blessed furnace in which the love of God is kindled and fanned. "He brought me into the wine cellar; he set in order charity in me." (Cant. ii. 4.) The souls that are introduced into this heavenly cellar, by a single glance of Jesus Christ crucified and dying for the love of us, are wounded and inebriated with holy love. For St. Paul says, that Jesus Christ died for us all, that each of us may live only to love him. "And Christ died for all, that they also may not now live to themselves, but unto him who died for them." (2 Cor. v. 15.) The communion is another holy furnace, in which we are inflamed with divine love. "The holy eucharist," says St. Chrysostom, "is a fire which inflames us, that, like lions breathing fire, we may retire from the holy table, being made terrible to the devil." (Hom. xli., ad Pop.) Above all, prayer (the prayer of petition) is necessary. It is by means of prayer that God dispenses all his favours, but particularly the great gift of divine love. "We must, then, always, every day, and several times in the day, ask God to give us the grace to love him with our whole heart. St. Gregory says, that God wishes to be compelled and importuned by our petitions to bestow upon us his graces. "God wishes to be entreated to be compelled: he wishes in a certain manner to be overcome by importunity." Let us, then, continually ask of Jesus Christ his holy love; and let us ask his divine mother Mary, who is the treasurer of all his graces, to obtain it for us.
