

“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 December 4th – December 12th

Confessions start 1 hour before Friday - Sunday Masses.

Date	Time	Devotion	Feast Day
Sunday, 4 th	7:30am 10:00am 4:00pm	Low Mass High Mass Low Mass	II Sunday of Advent
Monday, 5 th	—	—	Advent Feria Commemoration of St. Sabbas <i>Abbot</i>
Tuesday, 6 th	—	—	St. Nicholas <i>Bishop and Confessor</i>
Wednesday, 7 th	6:30pm	Family Rosary in the Chapel - All Invited	St. Ambrose <i>Bishop, Confessor and Doctor of the Church</i>
Thursday, 8 th	7:00am 6:00pm	Low Mass High Mass	Feast of the Immaculate Conception <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>
Friday, 9 th	5:00pm 6:00pm	Confessions Low Mass	Advent Feria
Saturday, 10 th	8:00am 9:00am	Confessions Low Mass	Advent Feria
Sunday, 11 th	7:30am 10:00am 4:00pm	Low Mass High Mass Low Mass	III Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)
Monday, 12 th	—	—	Advent Feria

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CHURCH

THE SOCIETY OF SAINT PIUS X

December 4th, II Sunday of Advent



Gregorian Latin liturgy

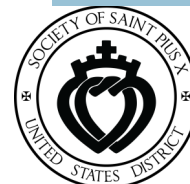
Until 1969, the various Catholic liturgies were all of apostolic origin. The Gregorian Latin liturgy, celebrated in this church, follows the tradition of Saint Peter, the first Pope, and has never undergone any essential change till the present time. Every gesture, every word has been weighed and measured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

Advent Almsgiving: The Angel Tree is now set up and ready for you to retrieve your Angel. Pick who you'd like to shop for and return the Angel along with your unwrapped items in a bag beneath the tree no later than the 3rd Sunday of Advent. We will wrap the items for you! We have a collection box as well to raise funds for the family we are sponsoring. Also, please be sure to check out the collection box for needed items for the homeless in our community. Thank you for your charity!

Spiritual Bouquet for Bishop Estevez: As Father Thomas mentioned last week, we will be sending Bishop Estevez a Spiritual Bouquet at Christmas as a gift for his recent illness.

A spiritual bouquet is a tradition of offering prayers as a gift. It is a collection of prayers as a way to let the Bishop know you prayed for him. A Spiritual Bouquet can be a commitment to offer a Holy Hour of Adoration, Rosary, a chaplet, a Novena, a work of mercy (sacrifice) to support the intentions for Bishop Estévez's recovery.

Offering cards are in the vestibule. Please fill out the cards today. **Offering cards need to be completed and turned in by December 13th.**

Christmas Novena Cards: Pascua Florida Publication™ Christmas Cards are for sale. There are two kinds of cards: The Twelve Days of Christmas novena of Masses cards are \$4 each, or \$37 for 10 cards. The regular/non-novena of Masses cards are \$1.5 each or \$12 for 10 cards. Those who purchase the Twelve Days of Christmas novena of Masses cards may list the names of those for whom the Masses will be offered on the accompanying *Christmas Card Novena of Masses* list placed by the cards.

2023 Angelus Calendars: Calendars are available in the portable for \$10 each.

Visiting Priests: Please welcome Father Rigi from St. Thomas More Priory in Sanford to St. Michael's parish this week. Father Rigi graduated from the La Salette Academy and was ordained for the SSPX in 2014.

Memorare Prayer: Father Thomas asks that we continue to pray the Memorare everyday for the intentions of the Holy Rosary church project.

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

Mother of the Redeemer *A Marian reflection on advent*

To accomplish our redemption, two things were necessary: that the Incarnate Son of God atone to the Father, and that he do so as a member of the sinful race of Adam. Now we owe the realisation of the first requirement to Christ, that of the second to Mary.

Mary was not forced to give her consent, for God is Love, and every form of constraint is alien to love. This is especially valid for the work of our redemption which was to be love only, the meeting of divine and human love. In that moment, surely, immense graces must have been given to Mary along with a profound insight into God's plans in her regard- she had a certain claim to know who the Child was to be whom she would bear, and the purpose of his life yet it is the part of divine grace to ennoble and uplift, to give inner freedom, never to constrain.

Hence everything lay in Mary's hands. The words of her mouth were to decide everything. It depended on her whether a Redeemer would be given us or not; whether, consequently, the work of redemption would be realised or not. As Christ actually achieved it and merited it for us, he is her gift, a gift as rich as him-self: in giving us her divine Child she has thereby given us all the merits he was to win. Thus Mary has become the mother of all graces which Christ's work of redemption contains- from the greatest grace to the smallest, from the sublimest to the least. There is no grace of whatever order or kind that was not stored up for us in her motherly hands and her loving heart by the very fact of her consenting to the Incarnation.

In that hour, too, she became the mother of every single individual in the order of redemption and the supernatural life. Beginning with Adam and Eve whom she lovingly drew to her heart, bringing them redemption from the dreadful curse they had incurred, the whole human race before Christ became the object of her motherly love. For Christ alone was the source of their redemption and he was given them by Mary. So also all mankind after Christ and to the end of time--became then the object of her maternal love.

In the order of redemption all of us are the children of her womb because redeemed by the fruit of her womb, Jesus our Brother. And through her each of us received his share in redemption every grace of his life, from first to last; the grace of protection from danger, the grace of rising after fall, of attaining every supernatural virtue, of meriting at each moment, even the glory of heaven itself and eternal happiness with the Father.

It was not necessary that Mary should be already perfectly conscious at the moment of her consent of all the particular graces that consent would mediate in every particular; at least, we cannot prove it from Sacred Scripture; it fully sufficed that Mary knew the essential significance of her fat, and of this we cannot well doubt. And consequently the whole human race and each one in particular have under God and Christ none to whom they owe such a debt of gratitude in heaven or on earth to Mary.

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

