

*“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**  
**May 7<sup>th</sup> - May 15<sup>th</sup>**

Date	Time	Devotion	Feast Day
Sunday, 7 <sup>th</sup>	7:30am 10:00am 4:00pm	Low Mass High Mass Low Mass	<b>IV Sunday after Easter</b>
Monday, 8 <sup>th</sup>	-	-	<b>Feria</b>
Tuesday, 9 <sup>th</sup>	-	-	<b>St. Gregory of Nazianzen</b> <i>Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor of the Church</i>
Wednesday, 10 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	Family Rosary in the Chapel - All Invited	<b>St. Antoninus</b> <i>Bishop and Confessor</i>
Thursday, 11 <sup>th</sup>	-	-	<b>Sts. Philip and James</b> <i>Apostles</i>
Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm 6:00pm	Confessions Low Mass	<b>Sts. Nereus, Achilleus, Domitilla, and Pancratius</b> <i>Martyrs</i>
Saturday, 13 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am 9:00am	Confessions Low Mass	<b>St. Robert Bellarmine</b> <i>Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor of the Church</i>
Sunday, 14 <sup>th</sup>	7:30am 10:00am 4:00pm	Low Mass High Mass Low Mass	<b>V Sunday after Easter</b>
Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup>	-	-	<b>St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle/ Rogations</b> <i>Confessor</i>

# ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CHURCH

## THE SOCIETY OF SAINT PIUS X

May 7<sup>th</sup>, IV Sunday after Easter



### 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

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**May Crowning** will be at the **10 AM Mass** on **May 21st**.

Thank you to all of those who participated in yesterday's workday. We look forward to June's workday before Corpus Christi

**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](http://sspflorida.com)**

**Visiting Priest:** Please welcome Fr. Palko who will be standing in for Fr. Thomas **today**, May 7th.

## Reminders

- † Please email [secretary@stmichaelcatholic.org](mailto:secretary@stmichaelcatholic.org) for all birth announcements.
- † For any expectant mothers who would like a meal train created for their family, please email [rebecca@stmichaelcatholic.org](mailto:rebecca@stmichaelcatholic.org) before the baby is due so that it can be arranged prior to the birth of the baby.
- † Altar boys and Choir members should be allowed access to the front of the confessional line. Please see Fr. Thomas if this privilege is being abused.
- † Children's Catechism is every second and fourth Sunday of the Month.
- † Every 3rd Sunday, there is a second collection for the Priory in Sanford.
- † Please place your donations for the church expansion into the building fund container. Visit [www.StMichaelCatholic.org/expansion-project](http://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](mailto: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.

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



## On Obedience to Your Confessor

“Whither goest thou?” JOHN xiii. 16.

Sermons of St. Alphonsus

To gain heaven we must walk in the path that leads to Paradise. Many Christians, who have faith, but not works, live in sin, intent only on the pleasures and goods of this world. If you say to one of them: you are a Christian; you believe that there is an eternity, a heaven, and a hell: tell me, do you wish to save your soul? If you do, I will ask you, in the words of this day's gospel, “whither goest thou?” He will answer: I do not know, but I hope to be saved. You know not whither you are going. How can you hope for salvation from God, if you live in a state of perdition? How can you expect heaven, if you walk in the way that leads to hell? It is necessary, then, to change the road; and for this purpose you must put yourself in the hands of a good confessor, who will point out to you the way to heaven, and you must obey him punctually. “My sheep,” said Jesus Christ, “hear my voice.” (John x. 27.) We have not Jesus Christ on earth to make us sensibly hear his voice; but, in his stead, he has left us his priests, and has told us, that he who hears them hears him, and he who despises them despises him. “He that heareth you heareth me, and he that despiseth you despiseth me.” (Luke x. 16.) Happy they who are obedient to their spiritual father: unhappy they who do not obey him; for, by their disobedience, they give a proof that they are not among the sheep of Jesus Christ.

## How secure of salvation are they who obey their confessor.

In leaving us spiritual fathers to guide us in the way of salvation Jesus Christ has bestowed upon us a great benefit. To obtain salvation we must follow the will of God in all things. What, I ask, is necessary in order to save our souls and to become saints? Some imagine that sanctity consists in performing many works of penance; but were a sick man to perform mortifications which would expose him to the proximate danger of death, he would, instead of becoming a saint, be guilty of a very grievous sin. Others think that perfection consists in long and frequent prayers; but should the father of a family neglect the education of his children and go into the desert to pray, he, too, would commit sin; because, although prayer is good, a parent is bound to take care of his children, and he can fulfil the precept of prayer and attention to their instruction without going into the desert. Others believe that holiness consists in frequent communion; but if, in spite of a just command of her husband, and to the injury of her family, a married woman wished to communicate every morning, she would act improperly, and would have to render an account of her conduct to God. In what, then, does sanctity consist? It consists in the perfect fulfilment of the will of God. All the sins which brings souls to hell proceed from self-will; let us, then, says St. Bernard, cease to do our own will; let us follow the will of God, and for us there shall be no hell.

## How great is the danger of perdition to which they who do not obey their confessor are exposed.

Jesus Christ has said, that he who hears his priest, hears him; and that he who despises them, despises him. (Luc. x. 15.) “When the Prophet Eliseus complained of the contempt which he had received from the people, after God had charged him with the direction of them, the Lord said to him: “They have not rejected thee, but me, that I should not reign over them.” (1 Kings viii. 7.) They, then, who despise the advice of their confessors, despise God himself, who has made confessors his own representatives.