

“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 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
July 21st – July 29th**

Date	Time	Devotion	Feast Day
Sunday, 21 st	7:30am 10:00am 4:00pm	Low Mass High Mass Low Mass	IX Sunday after Pentecost
Monday, 22 nd	-	-	St. Mary Magdalen <i>Penitent</i>
Tuesday, 23 rd	-	-	St. Apollinaris <i>Bishop and Martyr</i>
Wednesday, 24 th	6:30pm	Family Rosary in the Chapel - All Invited	Feria
Thursday, 25 th	-	-	St. James <i>Apostle</i>
Friday, 26 th	5:00pm 6:00pm	Confessions Low Mass	St. Anne <i>Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Saturday, 27 th	8:00am 9:00am	Confessions Low Mass	B.V.M. on Saturday
Sunday, 28 th	7:30am 10:00am 4:00pm	Low Mass High Mass Low Mass	X Sunday after Pentecost
Monday, 29 th	-	-	St. Martha <i>Virgin</i>

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CHURCH

THE SOCIETY OF SAINT PIUS X

July 21st IX 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

The Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel: Brown Scapular enrollments will take place after each mass today, Sunday, July 21st.

St. Thomas More Priory Collection: A second collection will be taken up **today** for the Priory. Please make any checks out to St. Michael the Archangel.

Ora et Labora - The next work day will be after the First Saturday Devotions on August 3rd. Please check your emails for the list of items.

Marriage Banns

The second banns of marriage are announced for Casey Grant Burns who was a parishioner here from 2018 to 2019. He is intending to be bound in Holy Matrimony to Melissa Anne Dvoark August 24th of this year. If anyone is aware of any canonical impediment they are to make it known to Fr. Thomas as soon as possible.

Reminders

- † Adult and Children's Catechism meets every 2nd and 4th Sunday.
- † 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.



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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, Joan Piperno, AnnaMaria Sicuranza, Jim Nichols.

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



On the Efficacy and Necessity of Prayer

"God, be merciful to me a sinner." LUKE xviii. 13
SERMONS OF ST. ALPHONSUS

In this day's gospel we read, that two men, one a Pharisee and the other a Publican, went to the temple. Instead of bowing down to beg of God to assist him by his graces, the Pharisee said: I thank thee, O Lord, that I am not as the rest of men, who are sinners. But the Publican, tilled with sentiments of humility, cried out: "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner." St. Luke tells us, that this Publican returned to his house justified; and that the Pharisee went home as guilty and as proud as when he entered the temple. From this, most beloved brethren, you may infer how pleasing to God, and how necessary for us, are our humble petitions to obtain from the Lord all the graces which are indispensable for salvation.

On the efficacy of prayer

St. Paul has written, "God will have all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth." (1 Tim. ii. 4.) According to St. Peter, he does not wish any one to be lost. "The Lord dealeth patiently for your sake, not willing that any soul should perish, but that all should return to penance." (1 Pet. iii. 9.) St. Thomas, in explaining the words of the Apostle, "God, who will have all men to be saved," says: "Therefore, grace is wanting to no one; but he, on his part, communicates it to all." (In Epist. ad Hebr., cap. xii., lect. 3.) And in another place the holy doctor writes: "To provide every man with the means necessary for his salvation, provided on his part he puts no obstacle to it, belongs to Divine Providence." But, according to Gennadius, the assistance of his grace the Lord grants only to those who pray for it. "We believe. . . that no one works out his salvation but by God's assistance; and that he only who prays merits aid from God." (de Eccles. Dogm.) And St. Augustine teaches, that, except the first graces of vocation to the faith and to repentance, all other graces, and particularly the grace of perseverance, are granted to those only who ask them. "It is evident that God gives some graces, such as the beginning of faith, without prayer and that he has prepared other graces, such as perseverance to the end only for those who pray." (De dono persev., c.xvi.) And in another place he writes, that "God wishes to bestow his favours; but he gives them only to those who ask." (In Ps. c.)

On the necessity of prayer

If we wish to lead a good life, and to save our souls, we must learn to pray. "He," says St. Augustine, "knows how to live well who knows how to pray well." (Hom, xliii.) In order to obtain God's graces by prayer, it is necessary, first, to take away sin; for God does not hear obstinate sinners. For example: if a person entertains hatred towards another, and wishes to take revenge, God does not hear his prayer. St. Chrysostom says, that he who prays while he cherishes a sinful affection, does not pray, but mocks God. (Hom. xi., in Matt, vi.) But if he ask the Lord to take away hatred from his heart, the Lord will hear him. Secondly, it is necessary to pray with attention. Some imagine that they pray by repeating many Our Fathers, with such distraction that they do not know what they say. These speak, but do not pray. Of them the Lord says, by the Prophet Isaias: "With their lips they glorify me, but their hearts are far from me." (Isa. xxix. 13.) Thirdly, it is necessary, as the Holy Ghost exhorts us, to take away the occasions which hinder us to pray. He who is occupied in a thousand affairs unprofitable to the soul, places a cloud before his prayers, which prevents their passing to the throne of grace. "Thou hast set a cloud before thee, that our prayer may not pass through." (Lamen. iii. 44.) St. Bernard exhorts to ask graces of God through the intercession of his divine mother. Let us ask grace, and ask it through Mary; for she is a
