

*“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**  
**April 23<sup>rd</sup> - May 1<sup>st</sup>**

Date	Time	Devotion	Feast Day
Sunday, 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7:30am 10:00am 4:00pm	Low Mass High Mass Low Mass	<b>II Sunday after Easter</b> <i>Good Shepherd Sunday</i>
Monday, 24 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am	Low Mass	<b>St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen</b> <i>Martyr</i>
Tuesday, 25 <sup>th</sup>	5:30am	Low Mass	<b>St. Mark, Greater Litanies</b> <i>Evangelist</i>
Wednesday, 26 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	Family Rosary in the Chapel - All Invited	<b>St. Cletus and Marcellinus</b> <i>Popes and Martyrs</i>
Thursday, 27 <sup>th</sup>	-	-	<b>St. Peter Canisius</b> <i>Confessor, Doctor of the Church</i>
Friday, 28 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm 6:00pm	Confessions Low Mass	<b>St. Paul of the Cross</b> <i>Confessor</i>
Saturday, 29 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am 9:00am	Confessions Low Mass	<b>St. Peter Martyr</b> <i>Martyr</i>
Sunday, 30 <sup>th</sup>	7:30am 10:00am 4:00pm	Low Mass High Mass Low Mass	<b>III Sunday after Easter</b>
Monday, 1 <sup>st</sup>	-	-	<b>St. Joseph the Worker</b>

# ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CHURCH

## THE SOCIETY OF SAINT PIUS X

April 23<sup>rd</sup>, II Sunday after Easter



### Gregorian Latin liturgy

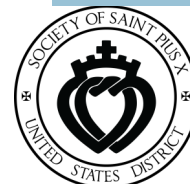
Until 1969, the various Catholic liturgies were all of apostolic origin. The Gregorian Latin liturgy, celebrated in this church, follows the tradition of Saint Peter, the first Pope, and has never undergone any essential change till the present time. Every gesture, every word has been weighed and measured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

**Visiting Priest:** Please welcome Fr. Palko who will be standing in for Fr. Thomas on 4/30 and 5/7.

\*\*\*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. \*\*\*

Please email [secretary@stmichaelcatholic.org](mailto:secretary@stmichaelcatholic.org) for all birth announcements.

## Reminders

- † 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 Scandal

"The wolf catcheth and scattereth the sheep" 1 JOHN x. 12.

The wolves that catch and scatter the sheep of Jesus Christ are the authors of scandal, who, not content with their own destruction, labour to destroy others. But the Lord says: "Woe to that man by whom the scandal cometh." (Matt, xviii. 7.) Woe to him who gives scandal, and causes others to lose the grace of God. Origen says, that "a person who impels another to sin, sins more grievously than the other." If, brethren, there be any among you who has given scandal, I will endeavour this day to convince him of the evil he has done, that he may bewail it and guard against it for the future.

It is, in the first place, necessary to explain what is meant by scandal. Behold how St. Thomas defines it: "Scandal is a word or act which gives occasion to the ruin of one's neighbour." (2 ii., q. 45, art. 1.) Scandal, then, is a word or act by which you are to your neighbour the cause or occasion of losing his soul. It may be direct or indirect. It is direct, when you directly tempt or induce another to commit sin. It is indirect, when, although you foresee that sinful words or actions will be the cause of sin to another, you do not abstain from them. But, scandal, whether it be direct or indirect, if it be in a matter of great moment, is always a mortal sin.

Perhaps some among you will say: Then, I am lost because I have given scandal? Is there no hope of salvation for me? No: I will not say that you are past hope the mercy of God is great. He has promised pardon to all who repent. But, if you wish to save your soul, you must repair the scandal you have given. "Let him," says Eusebius Emmissenus, "who has destroyed himself by the destruction of many, redeem himself by the edification of many." (Hom. x. ad Mon.) You have lost your soul, and have destroyed the souls of many by your scandals. You are now bound to repair the evil. As you have hitherto drawn others to sin, so you are bound to draw them to virtue by words of edification, by good example, by avoiding sinful occasions, by frequenting the sacraments, by going often to the church to pray, and by attending sermons. And from this day forward avoid, as you would death, every act and word which could scandalize others. What evil has Jesus Christ done to you that it is not enough for you to have offended him yourselves, but you wish to make others offend him? This is an excess of cruelty.

Be careful, then, never again to give the smallest scandal. And if you wish to save your soul, avoid as much as possible those who give scandal. These incarnate devils shall be damned; but, if you do not avoid them, you will bring yourself to perdition. "Woe to the world because of scandals," says the Lord (Matt. xviii. 7), that is, many are lost because they do not fly from occasions of scandal. But you may say: Such a person is my friend; I am under obligations to him; I expect many favours from him. But Jesus Christ says: "If thy right eye scandalize thee, pluck it out and cast it from thee. It is better for thee, having one eye, to enter into life, than, having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire." (Matt, xviii. 9.) Although a certain person was your right eye, you must withdraw for ever from her; it is better for you to lose an eye and save your soul, than to preserve it and be cast into hell.