

*“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 25<sup>th</sup> – January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

*Confessions start 1 hour before Friday - Sunday Masses.*

Date	Time	Devotion	Feast Day
Sunday, 25 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 am 7:00am 9:00am	High Mass Low Mass High Mass	<b>The Nativity of the Lord</b>
Monday, 26 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am	Low Mass	<b>St. Stephen</b> <i>Protomartyr</i>
Tuesday, 27 <sup>th</sup>	7:00am	Low Mass	<b>St. John</b> <i>Apostle and Evangelist</i>
Wednesday, 28 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	High Mass	<b>The Holy Innocents</b>
Thursday, 29 <sup>th</sup>	7:00am	Low Mass	<b>Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity</b>
Friday, 30 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm 6:00pm	Confessions Low Mass	<b>Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity</b>
Saturday, 31 <sup>st</sup>	8:00am 9:00am 6:00pm	Confessions Low Mass Vespers	<b>Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity</b>
Sunday, 1 <sup>st</sup>	7:30 am 10:00am 4:00pm	Low Mass High Mass Low Mass	<b>Octave Day of the Nativity of Our Lord</b>
Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup>	-	-	<b>Holy Name of Jesus</b>

# ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CHURCH

THE SOCIETY OF SAINT PIUS X

December 25<sup>th</sup>, The Nativity of the Lord



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

**Eucharistic Adoration: Saturday, December 31st** Adoration until midnight following 6:00 - 7:00 pm evening prayers.

**Fr. Peter Fortin** will be giving a talk on the Missions here at St. Michael's on Thursday evening, **January 12**. More details to follow.

**Franciscan Sisters: Saturday, February 11th** Franciscan Sisters from Kansas City will visit St. Thomas More Church for a day of activities with the ladies and girls. Save the date – more information will be forthcoming on this event.

**Pascua Florida Pilgrimage™ April 11-16:** Volunteers are greatly needed and appreciated! Please contact [stma.office@gmail.com](mailto:stma.office@gmail.com) | (407) 212-3032 for information and to volunteer. Also visit [spxflorida.com](http://spxflorida.com) for information and photos.

### 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

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



### Christmas Night -The Birth of Jesus Christ

"I bring you good tidings of great joy, .... for this day is born to you a Savior." — St Luke ii. 10, n.

Thus said the angel to the shepherds, and what tidings could be a greater joy to a nation of poor exiles, condemned to death, than for them to be told that their Savior had come, not only to deliver them from death, but to open to you heaven, and obtain for them the permission to return to their country? In order that you should show your gratitude from this time forth, by loving your newborn Redeemer, allow me to set him before your eyes, that you may go to him and thank him for so great a favor, and for his great love. Let us ask for light from Jesus and Mary.

The ever-blessed Mary said once to a devout soul: "It was the dispensation of God that neither I nor my Son should find lodging amongst men, that those souls who love Jesus might offer themselves as a lodging place, and might affectionately invite him to come into their hearts." Consider the devotion, the tenderness, the love which Mary felt at seeing in her arms the Lord of the world, the Son of the Eternal Father, who had deigned even to become her Son, choosing her from amongst all women to be his Mother. She hastily seeks to cover him, and wraps him up in swaddling clothes. Come, ye monarchs and emperors, come, all ye princes of the world, come and adore your highest King, who for your love is now born; and born in such poverty in a cave. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. Ah! The Son of God has indeed come into the world; but the world will not know him.

But if men do not come, the angels draw near to adore their Lord and praise their God, singing with great "joy, Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace to men of good-will. Glory to the divine mercy, which, instead of chastising rebellious men, causes this same God to take upon himself their punishment, to save them. Glory to the divine power, destroying the powers of hell, by the divine Word coming in poverty to suffer pains, contempt, and death; and thus to draw the hearts of men to himself. Glory to the divine love, which induced God to become a little child, poor and lowly, to live a hard life, and to die a cruel death, in order to show man the love which he bears and to gain man's love in return.

Arise, all ye nobles and peasants; Mary invites all, rich and poor, just and sinners, to enter the cave of Bethlehem, to adore and to kiss the feet of her newborn Son. Go in, then, all ye devout souls; go and see the Creator of heaven and earth on a little hay, under the form of a little Infant; but so beautiful that he sheds all around rays of light. Let us enter; let us not be afraid. Jesus is born; he is born for all, for each one who desires him. "I am not come, to make myself feared, but to make myself loved."

Let us arise and enter, the door is open, so that all may go in when they please to seek him and speak to him; and even to embrace this Infant King, if they love him and desire him. Now then, O all ye devout souls, Jesus invites you to come and kiss his feet this night. The shepherds who came to visit him in the stable of Bethlehem, brought their gifts; you must also bring your gifts. What will you bring him? Listen to me; the most acceptable present you can bring him is that of a contrite and loving heart.