

“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.

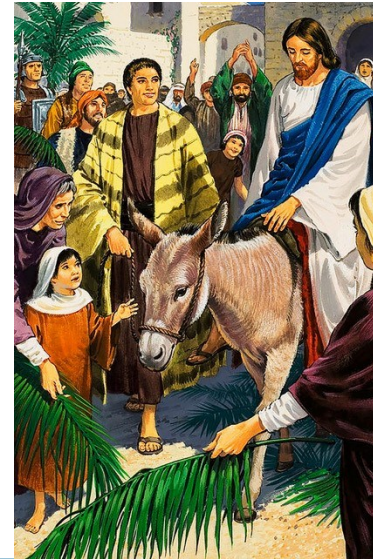
Mass Times and Feasts From
April 2nd - April 10th

Date	Time	Devotion	Feast Day
Sunday, 2 nd	7:30am 10:00am 4:00pm	Low Mass High Mass Low Mass	Palm Sunday
Monday, 3 rd	-	-	Monday in Holy Week
Tuesday, 4 th	-	-	Tuesday in Holy Week
Wednesday, 5 th	6:30pm	Family Rosary in the Chapel - All Invited	Wednesday in Holy Week
Thursday, 6 th	7:00 pm	Vesperal Mass Adoration until Midnight	Holy Thursday
Friday, 7 th	12:30pm 2:00pm 3:00pm	Confessions Stations of the Cross Solemn Afternoon Liturgy	Good Friday
Saturday, 8 th	7:30am 10:00pm	Tenebrae Easter Vigil	Holy Saturday
Sunday, 9 th	10:00am 12:00pm	High Mass Low Mass	Easter Sunday
Monday, 10 th	8:00am	Low Mass	Monday in the Octave of Easter

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CHURCH

THE SOCIETY OF SAINT PIUS X

April 2nd, Palm Sunday



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

Almsgiving Opportunities for Lent: Baby bottles are provided from the Women's Help Center. Please take one or several home to fill up and return on Easter Sunday. Contact Jo Edmondson if you have questions or if you would like to also make and donate a blanket for terminally ill patients.

Pascua Florida Pilgrimage™ April 11-16, 2023:

Please consider sponsoring the many priests, FSSPX Brothers, and seminarians making the pilgrimage. They will carry their sponsors' intentions to our Lady of LaLeche. Sponsorship forms are in the vestibule or online. Thank you!

April 16 Pilgrimage concluding Mass and Lunch in St. Augustine: The Mass will be held at 11:30 at the Castillo de San Marcos Fort. All are welcome. The lunch after Mass will be at the Shrine of our Lady of LaLeche. **RSVP is required for attendance at this lunch. RSVP with names, ages and emails to stma.office@gmail.com or (407) 212-3032 by April 5th.** (No exceptions to RSVP deadline!). Lunch costs are \$18 per individual. (Payment methods will be given to RSVP contacts.)

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

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.
- † Please place your donations for the church expansion into the building fund container. Visit 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 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.

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



On the Evil Effects of Bad Habits

"Go ye into the village that is over against you, and immediately you shall find an ass tied." MATT. xxi. 2.

Wishing to enter Jerusalem, to be there acknowledged as the promised Messiah sent by God for the salvation of the world, the Saviour said to his disciples: "Go to a certain village, and you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; loose them, and bring them to me." "The ass which was tied," says St. Bonaventure, "denotes a sinner." This exposition is conformable to the doctrine of the Wise Man, who says, that the wicked are bound by the chains of their own sins. "His own iniquities catch the wicked, and he is fast bound with the rope of his own sins." (Prov. v. 22.) But, as Jesus Christ could not sit on the ass before she was loosed, so he cannot dwell in a soul bound with her own iniquities. If, then, brethren, there be among you a soul bound by any bad habit, let her attend to the admonition which the Lord addresses to her this morning. "Loose the bond from off thy neck, captive daughter of Sion." (Isa. Hi. 2.) Loose the bonds of your sins, which make you the slave of Satan. Loose the bonds before the habit of sin gains such power over you, as to render your conversion morally impossible, and thus to bring you to eternal perdition.

Brethren, let us tremble, as David did when he said: "Let not the tempests of water drown me, nor the deep swallow me up; and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me." (Ps. Ixviii. 16.) When a sinner falls into a bad habit, the mouth of the pit is gradually closed as his sins are multiplied; the moment the mouth of the pit is shut, he is abandoned by God. Dearly beloved sinners, if you have contracted a habit of any sin, endeavour instantly to go out of that pit of hell, before God shall deprive you entirely of his light, and abandon you; for, as soon as he abandons you by the total withdrawal of his light, all is over, and you are lost.

A bad habit hardens the heart

He hath mercy on whom he will, and whom he will he hardeneth." (Rom. ix. 18.) God shows mercy for a certain time, and then he hardens the heart of the sinner. "God does not harden the heart by imparting malice, but by withholding mercy." God does not render sinners obdurate by infusing the malice of obstinacy, but by not giving them the efficacious graces by which they would be converted. By the withdrawal of the sun's heat from the earth, water is hardened into ice.

Third Point. A bad habit diminishes our strength

"He hath torn me with wound upon wound; he hath rushed in upon me like a giant." (Job xvi. 15.) On this text St. Gregory reasons thus: A person assailed by an enemy, is rendered unable to defend himself by the first wound which he receives; but, should he receive a second and third, his strength will be so much exhausted, that death will be the consequence. It is so with sin: after the first and second wound which it inflicts on the soul, she shall still have some strength, but only through the divine grace. But, if she continue to indulge in vice, sin, becoming habitual, rushes upon her like a giant and leaves her without any power to resist it.

Behold the end of habitual sinners! Brethren, if you have the misfortune of having contracted a habit of sin, make, as soon as possible, a general confession; for your past confessions can scarcely have been valid. Go forth instantly from the slavery of the devil. Attend to the advice of the Holy Ghost. "Give not thy ears to the cruel." (Prov. v. 9.) Why will you serve the devil, your enemy, who is so cruel a master who makes you lead a life of misery here, to bring you to a life of still greater misery in hell for all eternity? "Lazarus, come forth." "Go out of the pit of sin; give yourself immediately to God, who calls you, and is ready to receive you if you turn to him. Tremble! this may be for you the last call, to which if you do not correspond, you shall be lost.