

“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 11th – December 19th

Confessions start 1 hour before Friday - Sunday Masses.

| Date | Time | Devotion | Feast Day |
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| Sunday, 11 th | 7:30am 10:00am 4:00pm | Low Mass High Mass Low Mass | III Sunday of Advent |
| Monday, 12 th | — | — | Advent Feria <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> |
| Tuesday, 13 th | — | — | St. Lucy <i>Virgin and Martyr</i> |
| Wednesday, 14 th | 6:30pm | Family Rosary in the Chapel - All Invited | Ember Wednesday in Advent |
| Thursday, 15 th | — | — | Advent Feria |
| Friday, 16 th | 5:00pm 6:00pm | Confessions Low Mass | Ember Friday in Advent |
| Saturday, 17 th | 8:00am 9:00am | Confessions Low Mass | Ember Saturday in Advent |
| Sunday, 18 th | 7:30am 10:00am 4:00pm | Low Mass High Mass Low Mass | IV Sunday of Advent |
| Monday, 19 th | — | — | Advent Feria |

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CHURCH

THE SOCIETY OF SAINT PIUS X

December 11th, III Sunday of Advent



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

Advent Almsgiving: The Angel Tree gifts need to be returned unwrapped in a bag beneath the tree **no later than the 3rd Sunday of Advent, 12/11**. We will wrap the items for you! We have a collection box as well to raise funds for the family we are sponsoring. Also, please be sure to check out the collection box for needed items for the homeless in our community. Thank you for your charity!

Spiritual Bouquet for Bishop Estevez: As Father Thomas mentioned last week, we will be sending Bishop Estevez a Spiritual Bouquet at Christmas as a gift for his recent illness.

A spiritual bouquet is a tradition of offering prayers as a gift. It is a collection of prayers as a way to let the Bishop know you prayed for him. A Spiritual Bouquet can be a commitment to offer a Holy Hour of Adoration, Rosary, a chaplet, a Novena, a work of mercy (sacrifice) to support the intentions for Bishop Estévez's recovery.

Offering cards are in the vestibule. Please fill out the cards today. **Offering cards need to be completed and turned in by December 13th.**

Christmas Novena Cards: Pascua Florida Publication™ Christmas Cards are for sale. There are two kinds of cards: The Twelve Days of Christmas novena of Masses cards are \$4 each, or \$37 for 10 cards. The regular/non-novena of Masses cards are \$1.5 each or \$12 for 10 cards. Those who purchase the Twelve Days of Christmas novena of Masses cards may list the names of those for whom the Masses will be offered on the accompanying *Christmas Card Novena of Masses* list placed by the cards.

2023 Angelus Calendars: Calendars are available in the portable for \$15 each.

St. Thomas More Priory: Frs. Duverger and Pieroni will be following their annual priestly retreat this week. Please keep them in your prayers.

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

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

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

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



Mary and the Priesthood

A Reflection for Advent

It will be clear from the foregoing how intimate is the priest's share in the event of the Annunciation. On that occasion Mary bowed before the angel and spoke her word of consent; the Son of God descended into her womb to begin the work of the redemption. So too when a priest pronounces at the altar the words of consecration over bread and wine the Son of Mary descends into his hands to continue the work of redemption. The Incarnation unites as closely as possible the mission of Christ and his priest; each consecration carries on the Incarnation of the eternal Word and fulfils its function ever more profoundly. Similarly, the consecration brings the priest into closest touch with Mary also.

She is, in a sense, present at every altar where the consecration is effected, repeating her sacred fiat along with the priest's words of consecration. The same close contact is realized also at holy Communion. The flesh and blood which we receive is in the last resort flesh of her flesh, blood of her heart's blood, generously given to Christ our Redeemer in the Incarnation and become our food in the moment of holy Communion. Thus, we are Mary's children in as real a sense as we are Eve's - nay, in a manner much more intimate and profound: for we share in Eve's flesh and blood through countless intermediaries, but Mary's is communicated directly to us through the one, unique Christ. Here again the priest's sacred ministry is essential, his consecrated hands are its necessary instrument.

And again, what close links are forged between Mary and the priest! Through his sanctified hands Mary sees her own flesh and blood descending to ours; she sees this her flesh and blood exerting an ever-widening influence to redeem the souls of men; she sees Adam shrinking back more and more in all these human hearts, giving room to Christ, her divine Child; she sees Eve's features paling gradually in them, to give place to her own fair and glorious ones. Is it far-fetched, then, to imagine Mary assisting in spirit at holy Communion also, and blessing the hands that lay the sacred species on the tongue of the communicant?

Further, the sacred body of the incarnate Redeemer whom Mary bore in her womb was entrusted henceforth to her motherly care and attention to be nurtured, developed, brought to its normal maturity in all respects. But in this there were limits set to her motherly service: it could be exercised directly only as regards the physical body of her divine Child, it could not reach to humanity at large, to Christ's mystical Body. Here the priest intervenes in her place. Through his ministry the entire human race is to be incorporated in its new Head, to become members of his mystical Body; Christ is to be re-born, developed, and brought to full maturity in countless human hearts. It is through Christ's flesh and blood, which is Mary's too, that men must become sacramentally one with him, and his eucharistic life reach an ever wider circle, through all mankind.

Every word of the priest, every movement of his anointed hands is thus a service done not only to Christ but to Mary also. It is signed with the Savior's redeeming blood but also with the gentle love of his holy mother. His whole priesthood is permeated and transfigured, as it were, by Mary's motherly love; he is at once the intimate friend and disciple of Jesus and the privileged favorite of Mary.