

“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. **Thank you for your charity.**

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.

Mass Times and Feasts From February 11th – February 19th

Date	Time	Devotion	Feast Day
Sunday, 11 th	7:30am 10:00am 4:00pm	Low Mass High Mass Low Mass	Quinquagesima Sunday
Monday, 12 th	-	-	Seven Holy Founders <i>Confessors (Founders of the Servite Order of the BVM)</i>
Tuesday, 13 th	-	-	Feria
Wednesday, 14 th	6:30pm	Family Rosary in the Chapel - All Invited	Ash Wednesday
Thursday, 15 th	-	-	Thursday after Ash Wednesday
Friday, 16 th	5:00pm 6:00pm	Confessions Low Mass	Friday after Ash Wednesday
Saturday, 17 th	8:00am 9:00am	Confessions Low Mass	Saturday after Ash Wednesday
Sunday, 18 th	7:30am 10:00am 4:00pm	Low Mass High Mass Low Mass	I Sunday of Lent
Monday, 19 th	-	-	Monday after the I Sunday of Lent

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CHURCH

THE SOCIETY OF SAINT PIUS X

February 11th, Quinquagesima 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

Thank you for your generosity. We collected enough to cover all of Jim's expenses, including a memorial stone.

Ash Wednesday: There will be no ceremony at St. Michael's for Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be distributed after the Masses on Sunday, February 18th.

Adult Catechism: Meets every 2nd and 4th Sunday after the 10 AM Mass in the portable building.

Men's Group: The next Men's Group meeting is slated for February 16th after the 6pm Mass.

Relics of St. Jude: The relics of St. Jude are visiting Florida - March 2nd in Jacksonville. Details and more locations available at The Apostle of the Impossible website: apostleoftheimpossible.com

Franciscan Sisters of Christ the King will host a day of activities for all girls, ages 6+, single ladies, and mothers on Saturday, February 24th, at St. Thomas More Church in Sanford. Please RSVP by February 17th with names and ages to stma.office@gmail.com

Pascua Florida Pilgrimage: Pascua Florida Pilgrimage™ April 2-7. Optional part time attendance. Registration due by March 2nd. See sspflorida.com for information. Contact pilgrimage@stmpa.net Volunteer drivers and kitchen helpers are greatly appreciated!

Please visit our new website PompeiiRising.org for updates on our new church renovation project as well as ways to give. QR Code for the website:



Reminders

- † Children's Catechism meets every 2nd and 4th Sunday.
- † Every 3rd Sunday, there is a second collection for the Priory in Sanford.

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 Unhappy Life Of Sinners, And On The Happy Life Of Those Who Love God

"And that which fell among the thorns are they who have heard, and, going their way, are choked with the cares and riches of this life, and yield no fruit." LUKE viii. 14.

SERMONS OF ST. ALPHONSUS

We are told in this parable that part of the seed which the sower went out to sow fell among thorns. The Saviour has declared that the seed represents the divine word, and the thorns the attachment of men to earthly riches and pleasures, which are the thorns that prevent the fruit of the word of God, not only in the future, but even in the present life. Misery of poor sinners! By their sins they not only condemn themselves to eternal torments in the next, but to an unhappy life in this world.

Unhappy life of sinners

The devil deceives sinners, and makes them imagine that, by indulging their sensual appetites, they shall lead a life of happiness, and shall enjoy peace. But there is no peace for those who offend God. "There is no peace to the wicked, saith the Lord." (Isa. xlvi. 22.)

God declares that all his enemies have led a life of misery, and that they have not even known the way of peace. "Destruction and unhappiness in their ways: and the way of peace they have not known." (Ps. xiii. 3.) Man, who has been created for God, to love God, and to be united to him, can be made happy only by God, and not by the world, though it should enrich him with all its goods. "**All that is in the world,**" says St. John, "**is the concupiscence of the flesh,**" or sensual delights, and "**the concupiscence of the eyes,**" or riches, and "**the pride of life**" that is, earthly honours. (1 John ii. 16.) St. Bernard says, that a man may be puffed up with earthly goods, but can never be made content or happy by them. "

The happy life of those who love God

"Justice and peace have kissed." (Ps. lxxxiv. 11.) Peace resides in every soul in which justice dwells. Hence David said: "Delight in the Lord, and he will give thee the requests of thy heart." (Ps. xxxvi. 4.) To understand this text, we must consider that worldlings seek to satisfy the desires of their hearts with the goods of this earth; but, because these cannot make them happy, their hearts continually make fresh demands; and, how much soever they may acquire of these goods, they are not content. Hence the Prophet says: "Delight in the Lord, and he will give thee the requests of thy heart." Give up creatures, seek your delight in God, and he will satisfy all the cravings of your heart.

It is necessary to persuade ourselves of this truth, that God alone can give content. "Worldlings do not wish to be convinced of it, through an apprehension that, if they give themselves to God, they shall lead a life of bitterness and discontent. But, with the Royal Prophet, I say to them: "taste, and see that the Lord is sweet." (Ps. xxxiii. 9.) Why, sinners, will you despise and regard as miserable that life which you have not as yet tried?" taste and see." Begin to make a trial of it; hear Mass every day; practise mental prayer and the visitation of the most holy sacrament; go to communion at least once a week; fly from evil conversations; walk always with God; and you shall see that, by such a life, you will enjoy that sweetness and peace which the world, with all its delights, has not hitherto been able to give you.
