

*“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*



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**Mass Times and Feasts From  
Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sept 30<sup>th</sup>**

Date	Time	Devotion	Feast Day
Sunday, 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7:30am 10:00am 4:00pm	Low Mass High Mass Low Mass	<b>XVIII Sunday after Pentecost</b>
Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup>	-	-	<b>St. Linus</b> <i>Pope and Martyr</i>
Tuesday, 24 <sup>th</sup>	-	-	<b>Feria</b>
Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	Our Lady of Pompeii Devotions	<b>Feria</b>
Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup>	-	-	<b>Feria</b>
Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm 6:00pm	Confessions Low Mass	<b>Sts. Cosmas and Damian</b> <i>Martyrs</i>
Saturday, 28 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am 9:00am	Confessions Low Mass	<b>St. Wenceslaus</b> <i>Duke and Martyr</i>
Sunday, 29 <sup>th</sup>	7:30am 10:00am 4:00pm	Low Mass High Mass Low Mass	<b>Dedication of St. Michael the Archangel</b>
Monday, 30 <sup>th</sup>	-	-	<b>St. Jerome</b> <i>Priest, Confessor and Doctor of the Church</i>

# ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CHURCH

## THE SOCIETY OF SAINT PIUS X

September 22<sup>nd</sup> XVIII Sunday after Pentecost



### 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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## Birth Announcements:


- † Congratulations to Matt and Rachel Smith on the birth of their son Dominic Carl Gerard, born September 13, 2024. Blessed be God.
- † Congratulations to Zack and Amelia Crafton on the birth of their daughter Alice Elizabeth born on August 20, 2024. Blessed be God.

**Confirmations:** We are taking a count of people who need to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2025. **Please sign up today after each Mass today.**

**Feast of St. Michael the Archangel:** Sunday, September 29th: We will celebrate our 7th Annual Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, patron of our church, with a "St. Michael's Sundae" Ice Cream Social to celebrate this very special Feast Day. Please save the date: Sunday, September 29th after the 10:00am Holy Mass.


**Special Collection:** Next Sunday, September 29th there will be a second collection for the . The purpose of the collection is to support the **Priest Training Program** and the continuing education/formation meetings and courses of our priests. Please make checks payable to St. Michael the Archangel and write "Priest Training Collection" in the memo line.

**The West Palm Beach chapel church consecration** will be rescheduled. Thank you to all who registered for the banquet, but the registration has been closed. Please stay tuned for future announcements when more details become available.



## Pompeii Rising Rosary Crusade

September numbers are due next Sunday.  
Bring your cards or submit tallies at:  
**PompeiiRising.org/CRUSADE**



### 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.

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



## On Bad Thoughts

“And Jesus seeing their thoughts, said: Why do you think evil in your hearts.” MATT. ix. 4.  
SERMONS OF ST. ALPHONSUS

IN the gospel of this day it is related that a paralytic was presented to Jesus Christ that he might heal him. The Lord healed not only his body, but also his soul, and said to him: “Be of good heart, son; thy sins are forgiven thee” (verse 2). Some of the Scribes, as soon as they heard these words, said in their hearts: He blasphemeth. But our Saviour soon let them know that he saw their evil thoughts, saying: “Why do you think evil in your hearts.” Let us come to the subject of this discourse. God sees the most secret evil thoughts of our hearts; he sees and punishes them. Human judges forbid and chastise only external crimes; for men only see what appears externally. “Men seeth those things that appear; but the Lord beholdeth the heart.” (1 Kings xvi. 7.) God prohibits and punishes bad thoughts.

### When bad thoughts are sinful

In two ways men err regarding bad thoughts. Some who have the fear of God, are scrupulous, and are afraid that every bad thought that presents itself to the mind is a sin. This is an error. It is not the bad thought, but the consent to it, that is sinful. All the malice of mortal sin consists in a bad will, in giving to a sin a perfect consent, with full advertence to the malice of the sin. Hence St. Augustine teaches, that where there is no consent there can be no sin. “Nullo modo sit peccatum, si non sit voluntarium.” (De Vera Rel, cap. xiv.) Though the temptation, the rebellion of the senses, or the evil motion of the inferior parts, should be very violent, there is no sin, as long as there is no consent. “Non nocet sensus,” says St. Bernard, “ubi non est consensus.” (De Inter. Domo., cap. xix.)

### The great danger of bad thoughts

It is necessary to guard with all possible caution against all bad thoughts, which are an abomination to God. “Evil thoughts are an abomination to the Lord.” (Prov. xv. 26.) They are called “an abomination to the Lord,” because, as the holy Council of Trent says, bad thoughts, particularly thoughts against the ninth and tenth commandments, sometimes inflict on the soul a deeper wound, and are more dangerous than external acts. “Nonnunquam animam gravius sauciant, et periculosiora sunt iis quæ in manifesto admittuntur.” (Sess. 14, de Pæna, cap. v.) They are more dangerous on many accounts; first, because sins of thought are more easily committed than sins of action. The occasions of sinful acts are frequently wanting; but sins of thought are committed without the occasion. When a soul has turned her back on God, the heart is continually intent on evil, which causes delight, and thus multiplies sins without number. “All the thought of their heart was bent upon evil at all times.” (Gen. vi. 5.)

### On the remedies against bad thoughts

The Prophet Isaias says, that to be freed from bad thoughts, we must take away the evil of our thoughts. “Take away the evil of our devices.” (Isa. i. 16.) What does he mean by taking away the evil of our devices? He means that we should take away the occasions of evil thoughts, avoid dangerous occasions, and keep at a distance from bad company. I knew a young man who was an angel; but, in consequence of a word which he heard from a bad companion he had an evil thought, and consented to it. This is the advice of St. Jerome: As soon as lust shall suggest evil, let us exclaim: The Lord is my helper. Thus, it is also necessary to abstain from reading books that are obscene, or other wise bad. In such combats with hell, it is useful in the beginning to renew our purpose never to offend God, and to forfeit life rather than lose his grace; and then, we must make repeated petitions to him, saying: Lord give me strength to resist this temptation: do not permit me to be separated from thee: deprive me of life rather than allow me to lose thee.

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