

“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
December 24th - January 1st

Date	Time	Devotion	Feast Day
Sunday, 24 th	7:30am 10:00am 1:00pm	Low Mass Low Mass Low Mass	Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord
Monday, 25 th	12:00am 8:00am 10:30am	High Mass Low Mass High Mass	The Nativity of the Lord
Tuesday, 26 th	7:30am	Low Mass	St. Stephen Protomartyr
Wednesday, 27 th	6:00pm	Low Mass	St. John Apostle and Evangelist
Thursday, 28 th	7:30am	Low Mass	The Holy Innocents Martyrs
Friday, 29 th	5:00pm 6:00pm	Confessions Low Mass	Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity
Saturday, 30 th	8:00am 9:00am	Confessions Low Mass	Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity
Sunday, 31 st	7:30am 10:00am 4:00pm 10:00pm-Midnight	Low Mass High Mass Low Mass Exposition of the Holy Eucharist	Sunday within the Octave of the Nativity
Monday, 1 st	7:30am 10:00am 1:00pm	Low Mass High Mass Low Mass	Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CHURCH

THE SOCIETY OF SAINT PIUS X

December 24th, Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord



Gregorian Latin liturgy

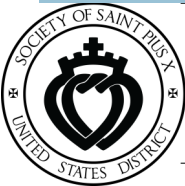
Until 1969, the various Catholic liturgies were all of apostolic origin. The Gregorian Latin liturgy, celebrated in this church, follows the tradition of Saint Peter, the first Pope, and has never undergone any essential change till the present time. Every gesture, every word has been weighed and measured 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

Mass Schedule through January 2024 is available on the fsspx.today app.

Prayers: Please continue to pray for terminally ill, lifetime parishioner **Jim Nichols**.

The Christmas Schedule is as follows: Midnight Mass starts at 12AM. Carols begin at 11:30PM. Dawn Mass at 8AM and Day Mass at 10:30AM.

Fr. Thomas will spend all Christmas week in Jacksonville. There will be Mass everyday, please check the bulletin Mass schedule.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday, Dec 31 from 10pm till midnight.

The Octave Day of Christmas, Monday, January 1, is a Holy Day of Obligation.

The Feast of the Circumcision Mass times on Monday, January 1st, will be 7:30 AM, 10 AM, and 1 PM.

Please visit www.pompeiirising.org for the new church latest updates.

Reminders

- † Children's Catechism meets every 2nd and 4th Sunday.
- † 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.
- † For any expectant mothers who would like a meal train created for their family, please email rebecca@stmichaelcatholic.org before the baby is due.
- † Please email secretary@stmichaelcatholic.org for all birth announcements.
- † 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.
- † Parish Registration - Please complete the online census that will allow us to keep our records current and convey pertinent information. See the flyer in the vestibule if you have not already registered online.

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.

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



Christmas

"The Son of God was made the Son of man, that the sons of men might be made the sons of God." — Saint Augustine

The circumstances of our Divine Lord's birth are thus told in the Gospel: 'And it came to pass that in those days there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. And all went to be enrolled, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his espoused wife, who was with child. And it came to pass that when they were there, her days were accomplished that she should be delivered, and she brought forth her first-born son and wrapped Him up in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds watching and keeping the night watches over their flock. And behold an angel of the Lord stood by them and the brightness of God shone round about them, and they feared with a great fear. And the angel said to them: Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, that shall be to all the people; for this day is born to you a Saviour, Who is Christ the Lord, in the city of David. And this shall be a sign unto you: you shall find the Infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army, praising God and saying: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will. The shepherds said to one another: Let us go over to Bethlehem, and let us see this word that is come to pass, which the Lord hath shewed to us. And they came with haste, and they found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. And seeing, they understood of the word that had been spoken to them concerning this Child. And all that heard wondered: and at those things that were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these words, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying God, and praising Him for all the things they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.' (Luke ii. 1-20)

By this we see that our Lord teaches us from His very infancy to be humble and obedient, not to set our hearts on the perishable goods and pleasures of this world, and to bear trials and sufferings with submission to the holy will of God.

While assisting at Mass on this great feast, we ought to imagine the altar to be the manger, and in union with the Blessed Virgin and Saint Joseph adore the Word made flesh, come to enlighten and save the world. We may, too, at the Gloria in excelsis, join with the angels in their song of joy, and beg for that good-will to which peace was promised; and finally, like the shepherds, offer our hearts as a homage due to Him.

Remembering that our Lord says that whatever we do to His least brethren we do to Himself, we ought at this trying season to cloth some poor persons in honor of the Divine Child's poverty in the stable. There are many cast-off garments, laid aside through want of thought, which would be a luxury to the needy, especially those ashamed to beg.

While enjoying the many good things usually provided in abundance on this feast, we must take care not to exceed the bounds of moderation, especially in drink.
