

“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
March 19th - March 27th

Date	Time	Devotion	Feast Day
Sunday, 19 th	7:30am 10:00am 4:00pm	Low Mass High Mass Low Mass	IV Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)
Monday, 20 th	-	-	St. Joseph <i>Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Confessor</i>
Tuesday, 21 st	-	-	Tuesday after the 4th Sunday of Lent <i>Commemoration of St. Benedict, Abbott</i>
Wednesday, 22 nd	6:30pm	Family Rosary in the Chapel - All Invited	Wednesday after the 4th Sunday of Lent
Thursday, 23 rd	-	-	Thursday after the 4th Sunday of Lent
Friday, 24 th	5:00pm 5:30pm 6:00pm	Confessions Stations of the Cross Low Mass	Friday after the 4th Sunday of Lent <i>Commemoration of St. Gabriel, Archangel</i>
Saturday, 25 th	8:00am 9:00am	Confessions High Mass	Annunciation of the B.V.M.
Sunday, 26 th	7:30am 10:00am 4:00pm	Low Mass High Mass Low Mass	Passion Sunday
Monday, 27 th	-	-	Monday in Passion Week

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CHURCH

THE SOCIETY OF SAINT PIUS X

March 19th, IV Sunday of Lent



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 (828) 291-6069, via email at edmondsonbj@yahoo.com if you have questions or if you would like to also make and donate a blanket for terminally ill patients.

Celebration of St. Joseph's Feast Day will take place at 11:45 am on **March 19th** with a potluck, and a raffle for a St. Joseph's statue and homemade breads. Please see email for further details.

Pascua Florida Pilgrimage™ April 11-16, 2023 from St. Thomas More Church in Sanford to the Mission Nombre de Dios in St. Augustine: 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. Thank you! Pilgrimage volunteers, especially drivers, are greatly appreciated. (Major workers receive free participation in the pilgrimage.) Please contact (407) 212-3032 or stma.office@gmail.com for information and to volunteer. See sspxfloida.com for information on the pilgrimage.

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 sspxfloida.com

Reminders:

- † 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 Tender Compassion Which Jesus Christ Entertains Towards Sinners

"Make the men sit down." JOHN vi. 10.

WE read in this day's gospel that, having gone up into a mountain with his disciples, and seeing a multitude of five thousand persons, who followed him because they saw the miracles which he wrought on them that were diseased, the Redeemer said to St. Philip: "Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?" "Lord," answered St. Philip, "two hundred penny worth of bread is not sufficient that every one may take a little." St. Andrew then said: "There is a boy here that has five barley loaves and two fishes; but what are these among so many?" But Jesus Christ said: "Make the men sit down." And he distributed the loaves and fishes among them. The multitude were satisfied: and the fragments of bread which remained filled twelve baskets. The Lord wrought this miracle through compassion for the bodily wants of these poor people; but far more tender is his compassion for the necessities of the souls of the poor that is, of sinners who are deprived of the divine grace.

Jesus Christ, the good pastor, who came into the world to obtain salvation for us his sheep, has said: "I am come that they may have life, and may have it more abundantly." (John x. 10.) Mark the expression, "more abundantly" which signifies that the Son of Man came on earth not only to restore us to the life of grace which we lost, but to give us a better life than that which we forfeited by sin. Yes; for as St. Leo says, the benefits which we have derived from the death of Jesus are greater than the injury which the devil has done us by sin. The same doctrine is taught by the Apostle, who says that, "where sin abounded, grace did more abound." (Rom. v. 20.)

How beautiful has he described the tenderness of his heart towards sinners in the following words: "What man of you that hath an hundred sheep: and, if he lose one of them, doth he not leave ninety-nine in the desert, and go after that which is lost until he find it: and when he hath found it, lay it upon his shoulder rejoicing; and coming home, call together his friends and neighbors, saying to them: Rejoice with me, because I have found my sheep that was lost?" (Luke xv. 4, 5, and 6.) But, Lord, it is not thou that oughtest to rejoice, but the sheep that has found her pastor and her God. The sheep indeed, answers Jesus, rejoices at finding me, her shepherd; but far greater is the joy which I feel at having found one of my lost sheep. He concludes the parable in these words: "I say to you, that even so there shall be joy in heaven, for one sinner that doth penance, more than upon ninety-nine just, who need not penance." (Luke xv. 7.) There is more joy in heaven at the conversion of one sinner, than upon ninety-nine just men who preserve their innocence. What sinner, then, can be so hardened as not to go instantly and cast himself at the feet of his Saviour, when he knows the tender love with which Jesus Christ is prepared to embrace him, and carry him on his shoulders, as soon as he repents of his sins?

Let us then, sinners, return instantly to Jesus Christ. If we have left him, let us immediately return, before death overtakes us in sin and sends us to hell, where the mercies and graces of the Lord shall, if we do not amend, be so many swords which shall lacerate the heart for all eternity.