

“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.

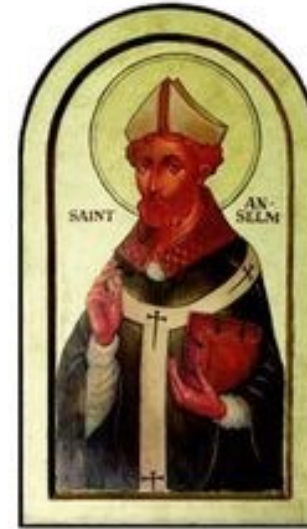
**Mass Times and Feasts From
April 16th - April 24th**

Date	Time	Devotion	Feast Day
Sunday, 16 th	7:00am 9:30am	Low Mass High Mass	Low Sunday
Monday, 17 th	-	-	Feria <i>Commemoration of St. Anicetus, Pope and Martyr</i>
Tuesday, 18 th	-	-	Feria
Wednesday, 19 th	6:30pm	Family Rosary in the Chapel - All Invited	Feria
Thursday, 20 th	-	-	Feria
Friday, 21 st	-	-	St. Anselm <i>Bishop, Confessor, Doctor of the Church</i>
Saturday, 22 nd	8:00am 9:00am	Confessions Low Mass	Sts. Soter and Caius <i>Popes and Martyrs</i>
Sunday, 23 rd	7:30am 10:00am 4:00pm	Low Mass High Mass Low Mass	II Sunday after Easter <i>Good Shepherd Sunday</i>
Monday, 24 th	-	-	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen <i>Martyr</i>

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CHURCH

THE SOCIETY OF SAINT PIUS X

April 16th, Low 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

Birth Announcements:

† Please welcome Andrew Mathias Nugent, born to of Jason and Mary Nugent on April 4th. Both mom and baby are doing well! Blessed be God.

† Please welcome Máire Anastasia Daiber, firstborn of Isaac and Elisabeth. Máire was born on Maundy Thursday (April 6th). Both mom and baby are doing well! To support the family during this time, please visit their Meal Train, which can be found here: <https://mealtrain.com/mgvw9l> Blessed be God.

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.

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 spxflorida.com

Visiting Priest: Please welcome Fr. Hanappier who will be standing in for Fr. Thomas on 4/16.

Reminders

- † Children's Catechism is every second and fourth Sunday of the Month.
- † 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. 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 Avoiding the Occasions of Sin

"When the doors were shut, where His disciples were gathered together for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst." JOHN xx. 19.

We find in this day's gospel that after his resurrection Jesus Christ entered, though the doors were closed, into the house in which the apostles were assembled, and stood in the midst of them. St. Thomas says, that the mystic meaning of this miracle is, that the Lord does not enter into our souls unless we keep the door of the senses shut. If, then, we wish Jesus Christ to dwell within us, we must keep the doors of our senses closed against dangerous occasions, otherwise the devil will make us his slaves.

In consequence of original sin, we all have an inclination to do what is forbidden. Hence St. Paul complained that he experienced in himself a law opposed to reason: "But I see another law in my members, fighting against the law of my mind, and captivating me in the law of sin." (Rom. vii. 23.) Now, when a dangerous occasion is present, it violently excites our corrupt desires, so that it is then very difficult to resist them: because God withholds efficacious helps from those who voluntarily expose themselves to the occasion of sin. "He that loveth danger shall perish in it." (Eccl. iii. 27.) "When," says St. Thomas, in his comment on this passage, "we expose ourselves to danger, God abandons us in it." St. Bernardine of Sienna teaches that the counsel of avoiding the occasions of sin is the best of all counsel, and as it were the foundation of religion.

The Holy Ghost tells us, that we must fly from sin as from a serpent. "Flee from sin as from, the face of a serpent." (Eccl. xxi. 2.) Hence, as we not only avoid the bite of a serpent, but are careful neither to touch nor approach it, so we must fly not only from sin, but also from the occasion of sin that is, from the house, the conversation, the person that would lead us to sin. St. Isidore says, that he who wishes to remain near a serpent, will not remain long unhurt. Hence, if any person is likely to prove an occasion of your ruin, the admonition of the Wise Man is, "Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the doors of her house." (Prov. v. 8.) He not only tells you not to enter the house which has been to you a road to hell. "Her house is the way to hell." Prov. vii. 27); but he also cautions you not to approach it, and even to keep at a distance from it. "Remove thy way far from her." But, you will say, if I abandon that house, my temporal affairs shall suffer. It is better that you should suffer a temporal loss, than that you should lose your soul and your God. You must be persuaded that, in whatever regards chastity, there cannot be too great caution. If we wish to save our souls from sin and hell, we must always fear and tremble. "With fear and trembling work out your salvation." (Phil. ii. 12.) He who is not fearful, but exposes himself to occasions of sin, shall scarcely be saved. Hence, in our prayers we ought to say every day, and several times in the day, that petition of the OUR FATHER" and lead us not into temptation." Lord, do not permit me to be attacked by those temptations which would deprive me of your grace. We cannot merit the grace of perseverance; but, according to St. Augustine, God grants it to every one that asks it, because he has promised to hear all who pray to him. Hence, the holy doctor says, that the Lord, "by his promises has made himself a debtor."