

“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 18th – December 25th

Confessions start 1 hour before Friday - Sunday Masses.

Date	Time	Devotion	Feast Day
Sunday, 18 th	7:30am 10:00am 4:00pm	Low Mass High Mass Low Mass	IV Sunday of Advent
Monday, 19 th	—	—	Advent Feria
Tuesday, 20 th	—	—	Advent Feria
Wednesday, 21 st	6:30pm	Family Rosary in the Chapel - All Invited	St. Thomas Apostle
Thursday, 22 nd	—	—	Advent Feria
Friday, 23 rd	5:00pm 6:00pm	Confessions Low Mass	Advent Feria
Saturday, 24 th	8:00am 9:00am	Confessions Low Mass	Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord
Sunday, 25 th	12:00 am 7:00am 9:00am	High Mass Low Mass High Mass	Nativity of the Lord
Monday, 26 th	8:00am	Low Mass	St. Stephen Protomartyr

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CHURCH

THE SOCIETY OF SAINT PIUS X

December 18th, IV Sunday of Advent



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

Christmas Novena Cards: Pascua Florida Publication™ Christmas Cards are for sale. There are two kinds of cards: The Twelve Days of Christmas novena of Masses cards are \$4 each, or \$37 for 10 cards. The regular/non-novena of Masses cards are \$1.5 each or \$12 for 10 cards. Those who purchase the Twelve Days of Christmas novena of Masses cards may list the names of those for whom the Masses will be offered on the accompanying *Christmas Card Novena of Masses* list placed by the cards.

2023 Angelus Calendars: Calendars are available in the portable for \$10 each.

Christmas Carols: Dec 24th 10:30 pm - 12:00 am Annual Christmas Caroling on the church premise. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

St. Thomas More Priory: Frs. Duverger and Pieroni will be following their annual priestly retreat this week. Please keep them in your prayers.

Pascua Florida Pilgrimage™ April 11-16: Volunteers are greatly needed and appreciated! Please contact stma.office@gmail.com | (407) 212-3032 for information and to volunteer. Also visit spxflorida.com for information and photos.

Franciscan Sisters from Kansas City will visit St. Thomas More Church on Saturday, February 11th for a day of activities with the ladies and girls. Save the date – more information will be forthcoming on this event.

Reminders:

- † 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.
- † 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

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



Fourth Sunday Of Advent ~ On The Love Of Jesus Christ For Us, And On Our Obligations To Love Him

“And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” Luke iii. 6.

THE Saviour of the world, whom, according to the prediction of the prophet Isaias, men were one day to see on this Earth “and all flesh shall see the salvation of God,” has already come. We have not only seen him conversing among men, but we have also seen him suffering and dying for the love of us. Let us, then consider the love which we owe to Jesus Christ at least through gratitude for the love which he bears to us.

On the great love which Jesus Christ has shown to us

“Christ,” says St. Augustine, “came on Earth that men might know how much God loves them.” He has come, and to show the immense love which this God bears us, he has given himself entirely to us, by abandoning himself to all the pains of this life, and afterwards to the scourges, to the thorns, and to all the sorrows and insults which he suffered in his passion, and by offering himself to die, abandoned by all, on the infamous tree of the cross. “Who loved me, and delivered himself for me.” (Gal. ii. 20.)

On the greatness of our obligations to love Jesus Christ

He who loves wishes to be loved. “When,” says St. Bernard, “God loves, he desires nothing else than to be loved.” (Ser. Ixxxiii., in Cant.) The Redeemer said: “I am come to cast fire upon the Earth, and what will I but that it is kindled” (Luke xii. 49.) I, says Jesus Christ, came on earth to light up the fire of divine love in the hearts of men and what will I but that it be kindled?” God wishes nothing else from us than to be loved. Hence the holy Church prays in the following words: “We beseech thee, Lord, that thy Spirit may inflame us with that fire which Jesus Christ cast upon the Earth, and which he vehemently wished to be kindled.” Ah! what have not the saints, inflamed with this fire, accomplished! They have abandoned all things delights, honours, the purple and the sceptre that they might burn with this holy fire. But you will ask what are you to do, that you too may be inflamed with the love of Jesus Christ. Imitate David: “In my meditation a fire shall flame out.” (Ps. xxxviii). Meditation is the blessed furnace in which the holy fire of divine love is kindled. Make mental prayer every day, meditate on the passion of Jesus Christ, and doubt not but you too shall burn with this blessed flame.