

“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
January 7th - January 15th

Date	Time	Devotion	Feast Day
Sunday, 7 th	7:30am 10:00am 4:00pm	Low Mass High Mass Low Mass	The Holy Family
Monday, 8 th	-	-	Ferial day
Tuesday, 9 th	-	-	Ferial day
Wednesday, 10 th	6:30pm	Family Rosary in the Chapel - All Invited	Ferial day
Thursday, 11 th	-	-	Ferial day
Friday, 12 th	5:00pm 6:00pm	Confessions Low Mass	Ferial day
Saturday, 13 th	8:00am 9:00am	Confessions Low Mass	The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Sunday, 14 th	7:30am 10:00am 4:00pm	Low Mass High Mass Low Mass	II Sunday after Epiphany
Monday, 15 th	-	-	St. Paul, First Hermit Confessor

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CHURCH

THE SOCIETY OF SAINT PIUS X

January 7th, The Holy Family



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

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

2024 Angelus Calendars are still available in the portable for \$10 each.

Epiphany Water is available in the vestibule.

Thank you for your generosity. Tax contribution letters for 2023 will be made available upon request. Please check your email.

Save the Date! The Franciscan Sisters of Christ the King will host a day of activities for all ladies and girls at St. Thomas More Church in Sanford on Saturday, February 24th, and a conference for all on Sunday, February 25th. More information to come.

Pascua Florida Pilgrimage: April 2-7. Registration due by March 2nd. See sspflorida.com for information. Contact pilgrimage@stmpa.net

Please visit our new website PompeiiRising.org for updates on our new church renovation project as well as ways to give. QR Code for the website:



Reminders

- † Adult Catechism meets in the portable building the 2nd & 4th Sunday after 10 am Mass.
- † Children's Catechism meets every 2nd and 4th Sunday.
- † Altar boys & Choir members should be allowed access to the front of the confessional line.

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)



Malice of Mortal Sin

"Behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. 1 LUKE ii. 48.

MOST holy Mary lost her Son for three days: during that time she wept continually for having lost sight of Jesus, and did not cease to seek after him till she found him. How then does it happen that so many sinners not only lose sight of Jesus, but even lose his divine grace; and instead of weeping for so great a loss, sleep in peace, and make no effort to recover so great a blessing? This arises from their not feeling what it is to lose God by sin. Some say: I commit this sin, not to lose God, but to enjoy this pleasure, to possess the property of another, or to take revenge of an enemy. They who speak such language show that they do not understand the malice of mortal sin. What is mortal sin?

Mortal sin is a great contempt shown to God

The Lord calls upon Heaven and Earth to detest the ingratitude of those who commit mortal sin, after they had been created by him, nourished with his blood, and exalted to the dignity of his adopted children. "Hear, O ye Heavens, and give ear, Earth; for the Lord hath spoken. I have brought up children and exalted them; but they have despised me." (Isa. i. 2.) Who is this God whom sinners despise?; He is a God of infinite majesty, before whom all the kings of the Earth and all the blessed in Heaven are less than a drop of water or a grain of sand. As a drop of a bucket, . . . as a little dust. (Isa. xl. 15.) In a word, such is the majesty of God, that in his presence all creatures are as if they did not exist. "All nations are before him as if they had no being at all." (Ibid. xl. 17.) And what is man, who insults him? St. Bernard answers: A heap of worms, the food of worms, by which he shall be devoured in the grave. "Thou art wretched and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked." (Apoc. iii. 17.) He is so miserable that he can do nothing, so blind that he knows nothing, and so poor that he possesses nothing. And this worm dares to despise a God, and to provoke his wrath. "Vile dust," says the same saint, "dares to irritate such tremendous majesty." Justly, then, has St. Thomas asserted, that the malice of mortal sin is, as it were, infinite, and St. Augustine calls it an infinite evil. Hence Hell and a thousand Hells are not sufficient chastisement for a single mortal sin.

Mortal sin is a great offence offered to God

There is nothing more galling than to see oneself despised by those who were most beloved and most highly favoured. Whom do sinners insult? They insult a God who bestowed so many benefits upon them, and who loved them so as to die on a cross for their sake; and by the commission of mortal sin they banish that God from their hearts. A soul that loves God is loved by him, and God himself comes to dwell within her. "If any one love me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him, and will make our abode with him." (John xiv. 23.) The Lord, then, never departs from a soul, unless he is driven away, even though he should know that she will soon banish him from her heart. According to the Council of Trent, "he deserts not the soul, unless he is deserted."

Moreover, the man who commits a mortal sin afflicts the heart of God. "But they provoked to wrath, and afflicted the spirit of the Holy One." (Isaias Ixiii. 10.) "What pain and anguish would you not feel, if you knew that a person whom you tenderly loved, and on whom you bestowed great favours, had sought to take away your life! God is not capable of pain; but, were he capable of suffering, a single mortal sin would be sufficient to make him die through sorrow. "Mortal sin," says Father Medina, "if it were possible, would destroy God himself: because it would be the cause of infinite sadness to God." As often, then, as you committed mortal sin, you would, if it were possible, have caused God to die of sorrow; because you knew that by sin you insulted him and turned your back upon him, after he had bestowed so many favours upon you, and even after he had given all his blood and his life for your salvation.
