

*“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 14<sup>th</sup> - January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Date	Time	Devotion	Feast Day
Sunday, 14 <sup>th</sup>	7:30am 10:00am 4:00pm	Low Mass High Mass Low Mass	<b>II Sunday after Epiphany</b>
Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup>	-	-	<b>St. Paul, First Hermit</b> <i>Confessor</i>
Tuesday, 16 <sup>th</sup>	-	-	<b>St. Marcellus I</b> <i>Pope and Martyr</i>
Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	Family Rosary in the Chapel - All Invited	<b>St. Anthony the Hermit</b> <i>Abbot</i>
Thursday, 18 <sup>th</sup>	-	-	<b>Feria</b>
Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm 6:00pm	Confessions Low Mass	<b>Feria</b>
Saturday, 20 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am 9:00am	Confessions Low Mass	<b>Sts. Fabian and Sebastian</b> <i>Pope (St. Fabian) and Martyrs</i>
Sunday, 21 <sup>st</sup>	7:30am 10:00am 4:00pm	Low Mass High Mass Low Mass	<b>III Sunday after Epiphany</b>
Monday, 22 <sup>nd</sup>	-	-	<b>Sts. Vincent and Anastasius</b> <i>Martyrs</i>

# ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CHURCH

## THE SOCIETY OF SAINT PIUS X

January 14<sup>th</sup>, II Sunday after Epiphany



### Gregorian Latin liturgy

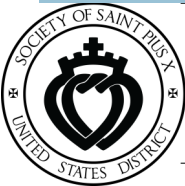
Until 1969, the various Catholic liturgies were all of apostolic origin. The Gregorian Latin liturgy, celebrated in this church, follows the tradition of Saint Peter, the first Pope, and has never undergone any essential change till the present time. Every gesture, every word has been weighed and measured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

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

**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](http://sspflorida.com) for information. Contact [pilgrimage@stmpa.net](mailto:pilgrimage@stmpa.net)

### Reminders

Please visit our new website [PompeiiRising.org](http://PompeiiRising.org) for updates on our new church renovation project as well as ways to give. QR Code for the website:



- † 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)*



### On the Confidence With Which We Ought To Recommend Ourselves To The Mother Of God

"And the wine failing, the Mother of Jesus saith to him: They have no wine" JOHN ii. 3.

SERMONS OF ST. ALPHONSUS

In the Gospel of this day we read that Jesus Christ, having been invited, went with his holy mother to a marriage of Cana of Galilee. "The wine failing, Mary said to her divine Son: They have no wine." By these words she intended to ask her Son to console the spouses, who were afflicted because the wine had failed. Jesus answered: "Woman, what is it to me and to thee? my hour is not yet come." (John ii. 4.) He meant that the time destined for the performance of miracles was that of his preaching through Judea. But, though his answer appeared to be a refusal of the request of Mary, the Son, says St. Chrysostom, resolved to yield to the desire of the mother. "Although he said, my hour is not yet come, he granted the petition of his mother." (Hom. in ii. Joan.) Mary said to the waiters: "Whatever he shall say to you, do ye." Jesus bid them fill the water-pots with water the water was changed into the most excellent wine. Thus the bride groom and the entire family were filled with gladness. From the fact related in this day's gospel, let us consider, in the first point, the greatness of Mary's power to obtain from God the graces which we stand in need of; and in the second, the tenderness of Mary's compassion, and her readiness to assist us all in our wants.

#### The greatness of Mary's power to obtain from God for us all the graces we stand in need of

So great is Mary's merit in the eyes of God, that, according to St. Bonaventure, her prayers are infallibly heard. "The merit of Mary is so great before God, that her petition cannot be rejected." (De Virg., c. iii.) But why are the prayers of Mary so powerful in the sight of God? It is, says St. Antonine, because she is his mother. "The petition of the mother of God partakes of the nature of a command, and therefore it is impossible that she should not be heard." (Par. 4, tit. 13, c. xvii., 4.) The prayers of the saints are the prayers of servants; but the prayers of Mary are the prayers of a mother, and therefore, according to the holy doctor, they are regarded in a certain manner as commands by her Son, who loves her so tenderly. It is then impossible that the prayers of Mary should be rejected.

#### On the tender compassion of Mary, and her readiness to assist us in all our wants

The tenderness of Mary's mercy may be inferred from the fact related in this day's Gospel. The wine fails the spouses are troubled no one speaks to Mary to ask her Son to console them in their necessity. But the tenderness of Mary's heart, which, according to St. Bernardine of Sienna, cannot but pity the afflicted, moved her to take the office of advocate, and, without being asked, to entreat her Son to work a miracle. "Unasked, she assumed the office of an advocate and a compassionate helper." (Tom. 3, ser. ix.) Hence, adds the same saint, if, unasked, this good lady has done so much, what will she not do for those who invoke her intercession?

To obtain special favours from this good lady, we must perform in her honour certain devotions practised by her servants; such as, first, to recite every day at least five decades of the Rosary; secondly, to fast every Saturday in her honour. Many persons fast every Saturday on bread and water: you should fast in this manner at least on the vigils of her seven principal festivals. Thirdly, to say the three Aves when the bell rings for the Angelus Domini; and to salute her frequently during the day with an Ave Maria, particularly when you hear a clock strike, saying "Mary, assist me." To resist every temptation, it is sufficient to pronounce the names of Jesus and Mary; and if the temptation continues, let us continue to invoke Jesus and Mary, and the devil shall never be able to conquer us. .

Fourthly, to say every evening the Litany of the Blessed Virgin before you go to rest; and for this purpose procure an image of Mary, and keep it near your bed. Fifthly, to wear the scapular of Mary in sorrow, and of Mount Carmel. There are many other devotions practised by the servants of Mary; but the most useful of all is, to recommend yourself frequently to her prayers.

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