

“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.

**Mass Times and Feasts From
February 25th – March 4th**

Date	Time	Devotion	Feast Day
Sunday, 25 th	7:30am 10:00am 4:00pm	Low Mass High Mass Low Mass	II Sunday of Lent
Monday, 26 th	-	-	Monday after the II Sunday of Lent
Tuesday, 27 th	-	-	Tuesday after the II Sunday of Lent
Wednesday, 28 th	6:30pm	Family Rosary in the Chapel - All Invited	Wednesday after the II Sunday of Lent
Thursday, 29 th	-	-	Thursday after the II Sunday of Lent
Friday, 1 st	5:00pm 6:00pm 7:00pm	Confessions Low Mass Holy Hour	Friday after the II Sunday of Lent (First Friday)
Saturday, 2 nd	8:00am 9:00am 10:00am	Confessions Low Mass First Saturday Devotions	Saturday after the II Sunday of Lent (First Saturday)
Sunday, 3 rd	7:30am 10:00am 4:00pm	Low Mass High Mass Low Mass	III Sunday of Lent
Monday, 4 th	-	-	Monday after the III Sunday of Lent

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CHURCH

THE SOCIETY OF SAINT PIUS X

February 25th, II 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

Bookstore: Lenten meditation and other new material available in the bookstore section of the portable building. More new items and books to come!

Adult Catechism: Meets every 2nd and 4th Sunday after the 10 AM Mass in the portable.

Relics of St. Jude: The relics of St. Jude are visiting Florida - March 2nd at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Jacksonville. Details and more locations available at The Apostle of the Impossible website: apostleoftheimpossible.com

History Fair Potluck - Please check your email to RSVP for March 03 after the 10 AM Mass. All are invited to watch the St. John Bosco children present their projects.

Pascua Florida Pilgrimage: Pascua Florida Pilgrimage™ April 2-7. Registration due by March 2nd. See sspflorida.com for information.

Contact pilgrimage@stmpa.net Volunteer drivers and kitchen helpers are greatly appreciated! Registration forms are available in the portable.

Ignatian Retreat at St. Thomas More Church. Women: June 10-15. Men: June 24-19. Registration forms are available in the vestibule.

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:



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, AnnaMaria Sicuranza, Jim Nichols.

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



On Heaven

"Lord, it is good for us to be here." MATT. xvii. 4.
SERMONS OF ST. ALPHONSUS

In this days gospel we read, that wishing to give his disciples a glimpse of the glory of Paradise, in order to animate them to labour for the divine honour, the Redeemer was transfigured, and allowed them to behold the splendour of his countenance. Ravished with joy and delight, St. Peter exclaimed: "Lord, it is good for us to be here." Lord, let us remain here; let us - never more depart from this place; for, the sight of thy beauty consoles us more than all the delights of the earth. Brethren, let us labour during the remainder of our lives to gain heaven. Heaven is so great a good, that, to purchase it for us, Jesus Christ has sacrificed his life on the cross. Be assured, that the greatest of all the torments of the damned in hell, arise from the thought of having lost heaven through their own fault. The blessings, the delights, the joys, the sweetness of Paradise may be acquired; but they can be described and understood only by those blessed souls that enjoy them.

According to the Apostle, no man on this earth, can comprehend the infinite blessings which God has prepared for the souls that love him. "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man, what things God hath prepared for them that love him." (1 Cor. ii. 9.) In this life we cannot have an idea of any other pleasures than those which we enjoy by means of the senses. Perhaps we imagine that the beauty of heaven resembles that of a wide extended plain covered with the verdure of spring, interspersed with trees in full bloom, and abounding in birds fluttering about and singing on every side; or, that it is like the beauty of a garden full of fruits and flowers, and surrounded by fountains in continual play. "Oh! what a Paradise," to behold such a plain, or such a garden! But, oh! how much greater are the beauties of heaven! Speaking of Paradise, St. Bernard says: O man, if you wish to understand the blessings of heaven, know that in that happy country there is nothing which can be disagreeable, and everything that you can desire. "Nihil est quod nolis, totum est quod velis." Although there are some things here below which are agreeable to the senses, how many more are there which only torment us? If the light of day is pleasant, the darkness of night is disagreeable: if the spring and the autumn are cheering, the cold of winter and the heat of summer are painful. In addition, we have to endure the pains of sickness, the persecution of men, and the inconveniences of poverty; we must submit to interior troubles, to fears, to temptations of the devil, doubts of conscience, and to the uncertainty of eternal salvation.

Let us, then, brethren, courageously resolve to bear patiently with all the sufferings which shall come upon us during the remaining days of our lives: to secure heaven they are all little and nothing. Rejoice then; for all these pains, sorrows, and persecutions shall, if we are saved, be to us a source of never-ending joys and delights. "Your sorrows shall be turned into joy." (John xvi. 20.) When, then, the crosses of this life afflict us, let us raise our eyes to heaven, and console ourselves with the hope of Paradise. At the end of her life, St. Mary of Egypt was asked, by the Abbot St. Zozimus, how she had been able to live for forty-seven years in the desert where he found her dying. She answered: "With the hope of Paradise." If we be animated with the same hope, we shall not feel the tribulations of this life. Have courage! Let us love God and labour for heaven. There the saint expects us, Mary expects us, Jesus Christ expects us; he holds in his hand a crown to make each of us a king in that eternal kingdom.
