

“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
May 21st - May 29th

| Date | Time | Devotion | Feast Day |
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| Sunday, 21 st | 7:30am 9:45am 10:00am 4:00pm | Low Mass May Crowning High Mass Low Mass | Sunday after the Ascension |
| Monday, 22 nd | - | - | Feria |
| Tuesday, 23 rd | - | - | Feria |
| Wednesday, 24 th | 6:30pm | Family Rosary in the Chapel - All Invited | Feria |
| Thursday, 25 th | - | - | St. Gregory VII <i>Pope and Confessor</i> |
| Friday, 26 th | 5:00pm 6:00pm | Confessions Low Mass | St. Philip Neri <i>Pope and Confessor</i> |
| Saturday, 27 th | 8:00am 9:00am | Confessions Low Mass | Vigil of Pentecost |
| Sunday, 28 th | 7:30am 10:00am 4:00pm | Low Mass High Mass Low Mass | Pentecost |
| Monday, 29 th | - | - | Monday in the Octave of Pentecost |

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CHURCH

THE SOCIETY OF SAINT PIUS X

May 21st, Sunday after the Ascension



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

May Crowning happens **today**, May 21st at the **10 AM Mass**. Potluck to follow.

Birth Announcements: Emily & Patrick Meier are happy to announce the arrival of their daughter, Elinor Gianna Evangeline Meier was born on 4/28/23 at 1:30pm weighing 8lb 10oz! Both mom and baby are doing well! Elinor will be baptized on May 27th. Blessed be God.

First Communion and Confessions: Eight children of our chapel will be receiving First Communion on June 11th at the 10 AM Mass. First confessions for these first communicants are scheduled for May 28th beginning at 9:00 AM.

Easter Communion Obligation: The last opportunity to satisfy your Easter Communion obligation is **June 04**, Trinity Sunday. Please see the priest if you have any questions.

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 sspflorida.com**

Next work day will be **Saturday, June 03**. Please see sign up sheet in the vestibule.

Reminders

- † Please email secretary@stmichaelcatholic.org for all birth announcements.
- † For any expectant mothers who would like a meal train created for their family, please email rebecca@stmichaelcatholic.org before the baby is due so that it can be arranged prior to the birth of the baby.
- † 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.
- † **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 Human Respect

“Whosoever killeth you, will think that he doeth a service to God.” JOHN xvi. 2.
Sermon of St. Alphonsus

In exhorting his disciples to be faithful to him under the persecution which they were to endure, the Saviour said: “Yea, the hour cometh, that whosoever killeth you, will think that he doeth a service to God.” Thus, the enemies of the faith believed that in putting Christians to death they did a service to God. It is thus that many Christians of the present day act. They kill their own souls by losing the grace of God through human respect and to please worldly friends. Oh! how many souls has human respect that great enemy of our salvation sent to hell! I shall speak on this subject today, that, if you wish to serve God and save your souls, you may guard as much as possible against human respect.

On the importance of not being influenced by human respect

“Woe to the world because of scandals.” (Matt, xviii. 7.) Jesus Christ has said, that through the scandals of the wicked, many souls fall into hell. But how is it possible to live in the midst of the world, and not to take scandal? This is impossible. To avoid taking scandal, St. Paul says, we should leave this world. “Otherwise you must needs go out of this world.” (I Cor. v. 10.) But it is in our power to avoid familiarity with scandalous sinners. Hence the Apostle adds: “But now I have written to you not to keep company . . . with such an one, not as much as to eat.” (Ibid. v. 11.) We should beware of contracting intimacy with such sinners; for, should we be united with them in the bonds of friendship, we shall feel an unwillingness to oppose their bad practices and bad counsels. Thus, through human respect and the fear of contradicting them, we will imitate their example, and lose the friendship of God.

Be attentive. Brethren, if we wish to save our souls, we must overcome human respect, and bear the little confusion which may arise from the scoffs of the enemies of the cross of Jesus Christ. “For there is a shame that bringeth sin, and there is a shame that bringeth glory and grace.” (Eccl. iv. 25.) If we do not suffer this confusion with patience, it will lead us into the pit of sin; but if we submit to it for God's sake, it will obtain for us the divine grace here, and great glory hereafter. “As,” says St. Gregory, “bashfulness is laudable in evil, so it is reprehensible in good.” (Hom. x. in Ezech.)

On the means of overcoming human respect

To overcome human respect, it is necessary to fix in our hearts the holy resolution of preferring the grace of God to all the goods and favours of this world, and to say with St. Paul: “Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, . . . nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God.” (Rom. viii. 38, 39.) Jesus Christ exhorts us not to be afraid of those who can take away the life of the body; but to fear him only who can condemn the soul and body to hell. “And fear you not them that kill the body; but rather fear him that can destroy both soul and body into hell.” (Matt, x. 28.) We wish either to follow God or the world; if we wish to follow God we must give up the world. “how long do you halt between two sides?” said Elias to the people.” If the Lord be God, follow him.” (3 Kings xviii. 21.) You cannot serve God and the world. He that seeks to please men cannot please God. “If,” says the Apostle, “I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.” (Gal. i. 10.)