

“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 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 18th – February 26th

Date	Time	Devotion	Feast Day
Sunday, 18 th	7:30am 10:00am 4:00pm	Low Mass High Mass Low Mass	I Sunday of Lent
Monday, 19 th	-	-	Monday after the I Sunday of Lent
Tuesday, 20 th	-	-	Tuesday after the I Sunday of Lent
Wednesday, 1 st	6:30pm	Family Rosary in the Chapel - All Invited	Ember Wednesday of Lent
Thursday, 22 nd	-	-	Chair of St. Peter
Friday, 23 rd	5:00pm 6:00pm	Confessions Low Mass	Ember Friday of Lent
Saturday, 24 th	8:00am 9:00am	Confessions Low Mass	Ember Saturday of Lent
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

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CHURCH

THE SOCIETY OF SAINT PIUS X

February 18th, I 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

Birth Announcement: Alex and Lucy Walker welcomed a baby boy John Alexander on February 13. Blessed be God.

Second Collection: Today's second collection is for the Priory in Sanford. Make checks payable to St. Michael the Archangel and notate the Priory in the memo line.

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

Franciscan Sisters of Christ the King will host a day of activities for all girls, ages 6+, single ladies, and mothers on Saturday, February 24th, at St. Thomas More Church in Sanford. Please RSVP by February 17th with names and ages to stma.office@gmail.com

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 The Number Of Sins Beyond Which God Pardons No More

"Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." MATT. iv. 7

SERMONS OF ST. ALPHONSUS

In this days gospel we read that, having gone into the desert, Jesus Christ permitted the devil to "set him upon the pinnacle of the temple," and say to him: "If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down;" for the angels shall preserve thee from all injury. But the Lord answered that, in the Sacred Scriptures it is written: "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." The sinner who abandons himself to sin without striving to resist temptations, or without at least asking God's help to conquer them, and hopes that the Lord will one day draw him from the precipice, tempts God to work miracles, or rather to show to him an extraordinary mercy not extended to the generality of Christians. God, as the Apostle says, "will have all men to be saved," (1 Tim. ii. 4); but he also wishes us all to labour for our own salvation, at least by adopting the means of overcoming our enemies, and of obeying him when he calls us to repentance. Sinners hear the calls of God, but they forget them, and continue to offend him. But God does not forget them. He numbers the graces which he dispenses, as well as the sins which we commit. Hence, when the time which he has fixed arrives, God deprives us of his graces, and begins to inflict chastisement.

St. Basil, St. Jerome, St. John Chrysostom, St. Augustine, and other fathers, teach that, as God (according to the words of Scripture, "Thou hast ordered all things in measure, and number, and weight" (Wis. xi. 21), has fixed for each person the number of the days of his life, and the degrees of health and talent which he will give him, so he has also determined for each the number of sins which he will pardon; and when this number is completed, he will pardon no more. "Illud sentire nos convenit," says St. Augustine, "tamdiu unumquemque a Dei patientia sustineri, quo consummate nullam illi veniam reserveri." (De Vita Christi, cap. iii.) Eusebius of Cesarea says: "Deus expectat usque ad certum numerum et postea deserit." (Lib. 8, cap. ii.) The same doctrine is taught by the above-mentioned fathers.

Would you, for such transient enjoyments, risk your money, your honour, your possessions, your liberty, and your life? No, you would not. How then does it happen that, for a miserable gratification, you lose your soul, heaven, and God? Tell me: do you believe that heaven, hell, eternity, are truths of faith? Do you believe that, if you die in sin, you are lost for ever? Oh! what temerity, what folly is it, to condemn yourself voluntarily to an eternity of torments with the hope of afterwards reversing the sentence of your condemnation! "Nemo," says St. Augustine, "sub spe salutis vult ægrotare." No one can be found so foolish as to take poison with the hope of preventing its deadly effects by adopting the ordinary remedies. And you will condemn yourself to hell, saying that you expect to be afterwards preserved from it. folly! which, in conformity with the divine threats, has brought, and brings every day, so many to hell. "Thou hast trusted in thy wickedness, and evil shall come upon thee, and thou shalt not know the rising thereof." (Isa. xlvii. 10, 11.) You have sinned, trusting rashly in the divine mercy: the punishment of your guilt shall fall suddenly upon you, and you shall not know from whence it comes. What do you say? What resolution do you make? If, after this sermon, you do not firmly resolve to give yourself to God, I weep over you, and regard you as lost.
