

*“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 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 14<sup>th</sup> - May 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>V Sunday after Easter</b>
Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup>	-	-	<b>St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle / Rogations</b> <i>Confessor</i>
Tuesday, 16 <sup>th</sup>	-	-	<b>St. Ubald / Rogations</b> <i>Bishop and Confessor</i>
Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	Low Mass (Vigil of Ascension)	<b>Vigil of the Ascension, Rogations</b>
Thursday, 18 <sup>th</sup>	7:00am 9:30am 6:00pm	Low Mass (Ascension) Low Mass (Ascension) High Mass (Ascension)	<b>Ascension of Our Lord</b>
Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm 6:00pm	Confessions Low Mass	<b>St. Peter Celestine</b> <i>Pope and Confessor</i>
Saturday, 20 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am 9:00am	Confessions Low Mass	<b>St. Bernardine of Siena</b> <i>Confessor</i>
Sunday, 21 <sup>st</sup>	7:30am 9:45am 10:00am 4:00pm	Low Mass May Crowning High Mass Low Mass	<b>Sunday after the Ascension</b>
Monday, 22 <sup>nd</sup>	-	-	<b>Feria</b>

# ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CHURCH

## THE SOCIETY OF SAINT PIUS X

May 14<sup>th</sup>, V Sunday after Easter



### 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

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## Thank you one and all for praying for Fr. Raymond Lillis.

We look forward to receiving an update on his surgery.

**May Crowning** will be at the **10 AM Mass on May 21st**, Potluck to follow - Please check your email to RSVP.

**Next work day** will be **Saturday, June 3rd**. Please see sign up sheet in the vestibule.

**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](http://sspflorida.com)**

**Visiting Priest:** Please welcome Fr. Steven McDonald who will be standing in for Fr. Thomas on today, 5/14.

### Reminders

- † Please email [secretary@stmichaelcatholic.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.
- † Please place your donations for the church expansion into the building fund container. Visit [www.StMichaelCatholic.org/expansion-project](http://www.StMichaelCatholic.org/expansion-project) for updates on the status of the project.
- † If you are not already getting the important announcements that Father asks to be sent out, please email [info@stmichaelcatholic.org](mailto: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.

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



### On the Conditions of Prayer

"Ask, and ye shall receive." JOHN xvi. 24.

Sermons of St. Alphonsus

The strict necessity of prayer, and its infallible efficacy to obtain for us all the graces which can be conducive to our eternal salvation. "Prayer," says St. Cyprian, "is omnipotent; it is one; it can do all things." We read in Ecclesiasticus that God has never refused to hear any one who invoked his aid. "Who hath called upon him, and he hath despised him?" (Eccl. ii. 12.) This he never can do; for he has promised to hear all who pray to him. "Ask, and ye shall receive." But this promise extends only to prayer which has the necessary conditions. Many pray; but because they pray negligently, they do not obtain the graces they deserve. "You ask, and receive not, because you ask amiss." (St. James iv. 3.) To pray as we ought, we must pray, first, with humility; secondly, with confidence; and thirdly, with perseverance.

### We must pray with humility

St. James tells us, that God rejects the prayers of the proud: "God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble" (iv. 6). He cannot bear the proud; he rejects their petitions, and refuses to hear them. Let those proud Christians who trust in their own strength, and think themselves better than others, attend to this, and let them remember that their prayers shall be rejected by the Lord. The Lord cannot despise even the most obdurate sinners, when they repent from their hearts, and humble themselves before him, acknowledging that they are unworthy to receive any favour from him. "A contrite and humble heart, God, thou wilt not despise." (Ps. l. 19.)

### We must pray with confidence

"No one hath hoped in the Lord, and hath been confounded." (Eccl. ii. 11.) Oh! how encouraging to sinners are these words! Though they may have committed the most enormous crimes, they are told by the Holy Ghost, that "no man hath hoped in the Lord, and hath been confounded." No man hath ever placed his trust in God, and has been abandoned. He that prays with confidence obtains whatever he asks. "All things whatsoever you ask when you pray, believe that you shall receive, and they shall come unto you." (Mark xi. 24.) When we pray for spiritual favours, let us have a secure confidence of receiving them, and we shall infallibly obtain them. Hence the Saviour has taught us to call God, in our petitions for his graces, by no other name than that of Father ( Our Father), that we may have recourse to him with the confidence with which a child seeks assistance from an affectionate parent.

### We must pray with perseverance

It is, above all, necessary to persevere in prayer till death, and never to cease to pray. This is what is inculcated by the following passages of Scripture: "We ought always to pray." (Luke xviii. 1.) "Watch ye, therefore, praying at all times"(xxi. 36). "Pray without ceasing." (I Thess. v. 17.) Hence the Holy Ghost says: "Let nothing hinder thee from praying always." (Eccl. xviii. 22.) These words imply, not only that we should pray always, but also that we should endeavour to remove every occasion which may prevent us from praying; for, if we cease to pray, we shall be deprived of the divine aid, and shall be overcome by temptations. Perseverance in grace is a gratuitous gift, which, as the Council of Trent has declared, we cannot merit (Ses. 6, cap. xiii.); but St. Augustine says, that we may obtain it by prayer. Hence Cardinal Bellarmine teaches that "we must ask it daily, in order to obtain it everyday." If we neglect to ask it on any day, we may fall into sin on that day.