
ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CHURCH

THE SOCIETY OF SAINT PIUS X

August 23rd, Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



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)

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. Enter the Holy Temple of the Good Lord to worship Him. Pax vobis! Peace be with you!



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News and Announcements

St. Philomena Novena: On August 30th, we will begin a novena to St. Philomena. Handouts will be distributed next Sunday.

Altar & Rosary Society: There will be a meeting for those interested in forming an Altar & Rosary Society on September 27th.

Building Fund: To contribute to the building fund, please see the collection bin in the church.

Reminders:

- † Every 3rd Sunday, there is a second collection for the Priory in Sanford.
- † Adult Catechism is every 3rd Sunday, while Children's Catechism is every 1st and 3rd Sunday.
- † If you are interested in learning more about Gregorian Chant, please speak with Nathan Gibson, the choir director.
- † Please consider volunteering your time to help with meal prep or cleaning for the rectory. Contact Mrs. Shada Gutierrez at 904-680-4546 with any questions. Also, please see the spreadsheet list in the back of the church for other duties that need volunteers.
- † Please make use of the poor box located in the vestibule. Money donated here will be used to help families in need with food and housing assistance.
- † If you use the restroom during Mass, please turn off the fan when you leave.
- † Choir members and altar boys should take advantage of the Sacrament of Confession on Fridays and Saturdays. In instances where this is not possible, altar boys in cassock and choir members should be allowed access to the front of the line. This privilege is not to be abused. Please see Father Gerrity if you have any questions.

Faithful Departed of St. Michael the Archangel

Louis Selthoffer, Teresa Courtney, Joe Courtney, Mary Newland, Jim O'Brien, Mac Mruz, Ruth Mruz, Elizabeth Coughlin, Bill Crowley, Mamie Bucca, Russel Bucca, Harry Nevin, Angela Berger, Terry Rice, Lucille Nichols, Sally Grounds, Cobourn Walker, Lillian Walker, David Walker, Brady Brower, Kenneth Hollis, Ila Jo Hollis, June Roberts, Philip Graham, Fern Brower, George Spositi

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



12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - ON THE ABUSE OF DIVINE MERCY

by St. Alphonsus Liguori

IN this day's gospel we read, that a certain man fell into the hands of robbers, who, after having taken his money, wounded him, and left him half dead. A Samaritan who passed by, saw him, and taking pity on him, bound up his wounds, brought him to an inn, and left him to the care of the host, saying: "Take care of him." These words I this day address to those, if there be any such among you, who, though their souls are wounded by sin, instead of attending to the care of them, continually aggravate the wounds by new sins, and thus abuse the mercy of God, who preserves their lives, that they may repent, and not be lost for ever. I say to you: Brethren, take care of your souls, which are in a very bad state; have compassion on them. "Have pity on thy own soul." Your souls are sick, and what is worse they are near the eternal death of hell; for he who abuses to excess the divine mercy, is on the point of being abandoned by the mercy of God. This shall be the subject of the present discourse. 1. St. Augustine says that the devil deludes Christians in two ways "by despair and hope." After a person has committed sin, the enemy, by placing before his eyes the rigour of divine justice, tempts him to despair of the mercy of God. But, before he sins, the devil by representing to him the divine mercy, labours to make him fearless of the chastisement due to sin. Hence the saint gives the following advice: "After sin, hope for mercy; before sin, fear justice." If, after sin, you despair of God's pardon, you offend him by a new and more grievous sin. Have recourse to his mercy, and he will pardon you. But, before sin, fear God's justice, and trust not to his mercy; for, they who abuse the mercy of God to offend him, do not deserve to be treated with mercy. Abulensis says, that the man who offends justice may have recourse to mercy; but to whom can they have recourse, who offend and provoke mercy against themselves? 2. When you intend to commit sin, who, I ask, promises you mercy from God? Certainly God does not promise it. It is the devil that promises it, that you may lose God and be damned. "Beware," says St. John Chrysostom, "never to attend to that dog that promises thee mercy from God." If, beloved sinners, you have hitherto offended God, hope and tremble: if you desire to give up sin, and if you detest it, hope; because God promises pardon to all who repent of the evil they have done. But if you intend to continue in your sinful course, tremble lest God should wait no longer for you, but cast you into hell. Why does God wait for sinners? Is it that they may continue to insult him? No; he waits for them that they may renounce sin, and that thus he may have pity on them, and forgive them.

To receive Holy Communion :

- You must be a **baptized Catholic**, having made a good confession since the last committed mortal sin - if any - in order to hopefully be **in the state of Grace**.
- You must believe in the doctrine of **Transubstantiation**. "*For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself*" (1 Cor. 11:29).
- You must observe one hour of **Eucharistic fast** (*except water and medicine. However, we advise to abstain from food and alcohol for three hours and one hour for other liquid before Holy Communion*).
- † One must not be a **public sinner** (*public adulterer, concubine, public homosexual*), or excommunicated, or interdicted.

- **The most important requirement** is to have a **great desire** to receive the Body, the Blood, the Soul and the Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ.

You can humbly approach the Communion rail at any time after the Communion of the priest.

Then, open your mouth wide and extend smoothly and horizontally your tongue. There is **no special order**, so that nobody should feel compelled to follow a general movement.

Do not judge your neighbor who abstains from receiving Holy Communion, as there is no obligation to receive it daily. However, "*Live in a manner to be able to receive communion every day!*" (St. Augustine)

In this Church, the faculty to absolve sins is directly granted to the priests by the Holy Father.

“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 August 23rd – 31st

Date	Time	Devotion	Feast Day
Sunday, 23rd	7:30am 10:00am 5:00pm	Low Mass High Mass Low Mass	XII SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Monday, 24th	7:30am	Low Mass	St. Bartholomew, <i>Apostle</i>
Tuesday, 25th	————	————	St. Louis IX, <i>King & Confessor</i>
Wednesday, 26th	————	————	Feria
Thursday, 27th	————	————	St. Joseph Calasanz, <i>Confessor</i>
Friday, 28th	5:30pm 6:00pm	Confessions Holy Mass	St. Augustine, <i>Confessor</i>
Saturday, 29th	8:30am 9:00am	Confessions Holy Mass	Beheading of St. John the Baptist
Sunday, 30th	7:30am 10:00am 5:00pm	Low Mass High Mass Low Mass	XIII SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Monday, 31st	7:30am	Low Mass	St. Raymond Nonnatus, <i>Confessor</i>