

*“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.**

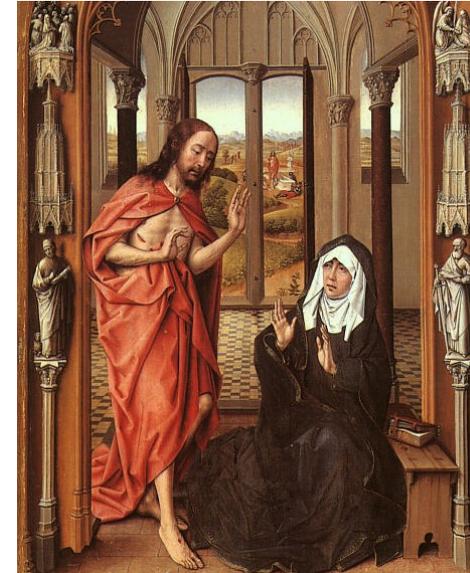
**Mass Times and Feasts From May 17th – 25th**

Date	Time	Devotion	Feast Day
Sunday, 17th	7:30am 10:00am	Low Mass High Mass	<b>V SUNDAY AFTER EASTER</b>
Monday, 18th	_____	_____	<b>St. Venantius, Martyr Rogations</b>
Tuesday, 19th	_____	_____	<b>St, Peter Celestine, Pope &amp; Confessor</b>
Wednesday, 20th	_____	_____	<b>Vigil of the Ascension</b>
Thursday, 21st	5:30am 6:00pm	Confession Holy Mass	<b>Ascension of Our Lord</b>
Friday, 22nd	5:30pm 6:00pm	Confession Holy Mass	<b>Feria</b>
Saturday, 23rd	8:30am 9:00am	Confession Holy Mass	<b>Our Lady on Saturday</b>
Sunday, 24th	7:30am 10:00am	Low Mass High Mass	<b>SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION</b>
Monday, 25th	_____	_____	<b>St. Gregory VII, Pope &amp; Confessor</b>

# ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CHURCH

THE SOCIETY OF SAINT PIUS X

May 17th, Fifth 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. Enter the Holy Temple of the Good Lord to worship Him. Pax vobis! Peace be with you!

**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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Ascension Thursday: A Low Mass will be at 6:00 PM.

Catechism: Starting next month, there will be catechism after the 10:00am Mass.

Rosary Crusade: In response to the COVID-19 crisis, a rosary crusade began on Good Shepherd Sunday, April 26th, and will end on the Feast of the Assumption, August 15th.

First Holy Communion: First Holy Communions will take place on the solemnity of Corpus Christi in June. Please speak to Fr. Gerrity for arrangements.



## Reminders:

- † Every 3rd Sunday, there is a second collection for the Priory in Sanford.
- † There will be chant instruction every 4th Sunday.
- † Adult Catechism is every 3rd Sunday, while Children's Catechism is every 1st and 3rd Sunday.
- † There is a poor box located in the vestibule.
- † In an effort to avoid food waste, please contact Rebecca Gibson if you plan to provide meals for the priest, that way there isn't an overlap of food prep.
- † 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 vestments 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.
- † The 2020 schedule for Ignatian retreats is as follows:
  - Women's: Monday June 22nd through Saturday June 27th.
  - Men's: Monday July 6th through Saturday July 11th.

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



## St. Alphonsus Liguori, Sermon for the Fifth Sunday after Easter - On the conditions of prayer

IN the thirty-ninth Sermon I shall show 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?" 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." To pray as we ought, we must pray, first, with humility; secondly, with confidence; and thirdly, with perseverance. **First Point: 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. 2. But He always hears the prayers of the humble: "The prayer of him that humbleth himself pierceth the clouds; and he will not depart till the Most High behold." David says, that "The Lord hath had regard to the prayer of the humble." The cry of the humble man penetrates the heavens, and he will not depart till God hears his prayer. "You humble yourself," says St. Augustine, "and God comes to you; you exalt yourself, and he flies from you." If you humble yourself, God himself comes, of his own accord, to embrace you; but, if you exalt yourself, and boast of your wisdom and of your actions, he withdraws from you, and abandons you to your own nothingness. 3. 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." Let us pass to the other points, in which there is a great deal to be said. **Second Point: We must pray with confidence.** "No one hath hoped in the Lord, and hath been confounded." 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..."

## 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.