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# ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CHURCH

THE SOCIETY OF SAINT PIUS X

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August 30th, Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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## Hospitality

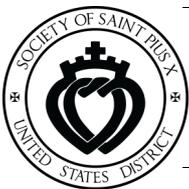
*“Let the charity of the brotherhood abide in you and hospitality do not forget; for by this some, being not aware of it, have entertained angels.”* (Heb. 13, 1-2) *“Wherefore receive one another, as Christ also hath received you unto the honor of God.”* (Rom. 15, 7)

## 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

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St. Philomena Novena: Starting today, we will begin a novena to St. Philomena for these three intentions: 1) The sick in the parish, and all cut off from the Sacraments and Mass due to health and the virus; 2) The building fund; and 3) For our country to navigate these difficult times

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

Catechism: Next Sunday, there will be children's catechism after the 10:00 Mass.

### 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

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



## 13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - ON AVOIDING BAD COMPANY

by St. Alphonsus Liguori

IN this day's gospel it is related, that ten lepers of a certain town met Jesus Christ, and entreated him to heal the leprosy under which they laboured. The Lord bid them go and present themselves to the priests of the temple; but before they reached the temple they were cured. Now it may be asked why our Saviour, who could heal them in an instant, wished them to go to the priests, and healed them on the way. A certain author (Anthony of Lisbon) says that Jesus Christ foresaw that, had he cured them on the spot, they, by remaining in the place and conversing with the other lepers, from whom they took the leprosy, should easily relapse into the same disease. Therefore, he first wished them to depart from the place and then healed them. Whatever may be thought of this reason, let us come to the moral sense which may be deduced from it. The leprosy resembles sin. As the leprosy is a contagious disease, so the bad habits of the wicked infect others who associate with them. Hence, the leper who wishes to be cured shall never be healed unless he separates from bad companions. He that keeps company with robbers soon becomes a thief. In this discourse I shall show, that, to lead a good life, it is necessary to avoid bad companions. 1. "A friend of fools," says the Holy Ghost, "shall become like them." Christians who live in enmity with God are, Father M. Avila used to say, all fools, who deserve to be shut up in a mad-house. For, what greater madness can be conceived than to believe in hell and to live in sin? But the man who contracts an intimacy with these fools shall soon be come like them. Although he should hear all the sermons of the sacred orators, he will continue in vice, according to the celebrated maxim: "Examples make greater impressions than words." Hence the Royal Prophet has said: "With the elect thou wilt be elect, and with the perverse thou wilt be perverted." St. Augustine says, that familiarity with sinners is as it were a hook which draws us to communicate in their vices. Let us, said the saint, avoid wicked friends, "lest by their company we may be drawn to a communion of vice." St. Thomas teaches, that to know whom we should avoid is a great means of saving our souls. 2. "Let their way become dark and slippery, and let the angel of the Lord pursue them." All men in this life walk in the midst of darkness and in a slippery way. If, then, a bad angel that is, a wicked companion, who is worse than any devil pursue them, and endeavour to drive them into an abyss, who shall be able to escape death? St. John Chrysostom said, that if we wish to know a man's moral habits, we have only to observe the character of the friends with whom he associates; because friendship finds or makes him like his friends.

### **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 30th – September 7th**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Devotion</b>	<b>Feast Day</b>
Sunday, 30th	7:30am 10:00am 5:00pm	Low Mass High Mass Low Mass	<b>XIII SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b>
Monday, 31st	7:30am	Low Mass	<b>St. Raymond Nonnatus, Confessor</b>
Tuesday, 1st	————	————	<b>Feria</b>
Wednesday, 2nd	————	————	<b>St. Stephen, King &amp; Confessor</b>
Thursday, 3rd	————	————	<b>St. Pius X</b>
Friday, 4th	5:30pm 6:00pm	Confessions Holy Mass	<b>Feria</b>
Saturday, 5th	8:30am 9:00am	Confessions Holy Mass	<b>St. Lawrence Justinian, Bishop &amp; Confessor</b>
Sunday, 6th	7:30am 10:00am 5:00pm	Low Mass High Mass Low Mass	<b>XIV SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b>
Monday, 7th	7:30am	Low Mass	<b>Feria</b>