

“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 shorties, 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.

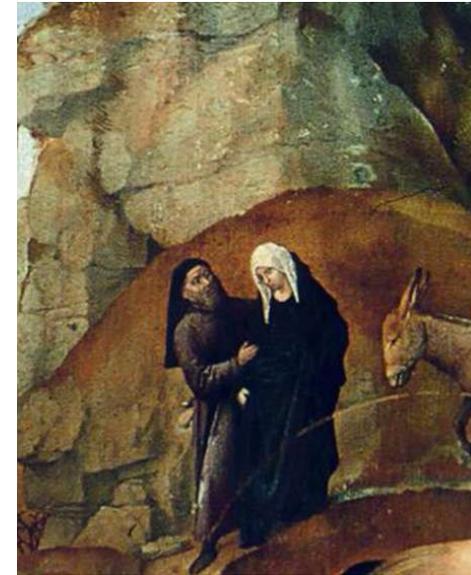
Thank you for your charity.

Mass Times and Feasts From December 13th – December 21st

Date	Time	Devotion	Feast Day
Sunday, 13th	7:30am 10:00am 4:00pm	Low Mass High Mass Low Mass	III SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Gaudete Sunday)
Monday, 14th	————	————	Advent Feria
Tuesday, 15th	————	————	Advent Feria
Wednesday, 16th	————	————	Ember Wednesday in Advent
Thursday, 17th	————	————	Advent Feria
Friday, 18th	5:30pm 6:00pm	Confessions Low Mass	Ember Friday in Advent
Saturday, 19th	8:30am 9:00am	Confessions Low Mass	Ember Saturday in Advent
Sunday, 20th	7:30am 10:00am 4:00pm	Low Mass High Mass Low Mass	IV SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Monday, 21st	8:00am	Low Mass	ST. Thomas, <i>Apostle</i>

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CHURCH

THE SOCIETY OF SAINT PIUS X
December 13th, III Sunday of Advent



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

Parish Mission: Fr. John Hattrup will be offering a parish mission December 12-13th.

Mass Change!: No Mass on Monday December 14th.

Christmas Cards: Christmas Cards are for sale. Proceeds go to the Priory.

Workday: Our next workday is Saturday January 2nd after morning Mass.

Reminders:

- † Every 3rd Sunday, there is a second collection for the Priory in Sanford.
- † Adult Catechism is each 3rd Sunday, Children's Catechism is every 1st & 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 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. When 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)



ON THE MEANS NECESSARY FOR SALVATION by St. Alphonsus Ligouri

All would wish to be saved and to enjoy the glory of Paradise; but to gain Heaven, it is necessary to walk in the straight road that leads to eternal bliss. This road is the observance of the divine commands. Hence, in his preaching, the Baptist exclaimed: "Make straight the way of the Lord." In order to be able to walk always in the way of the Lord, without turning to the right or to the left, it is necessary to adopt the proper means. These means are, first, diffidence in ourselves; secondly, confidence in God; thirdly, resistance to temptations.

With fear and trembling," says the Apostle, "work out your salvation." (Phil. ii. 12.) To secure eternal life, we must be always penetrated with fear, we must be always afraid of ourselves (with fear and trembling), and distrust altogether our own strength; for, without the divine grace we can do nothing. "Without me," says Jesus Christ, "you can do nothing." We can do nothing for the salvation of our own souls. St. Paul tells us, that of ourselves we are not capable of even a good thought. "Not that we are sufficient to think anything of ourselves, as of ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God." (2 Cor. iii. 5.) Without the aid of the Holy Ghost, we cannot even pronounce the name of Jesus so as to deserve a reward. "And no one can say the Lord Jesus, but by the Holy Ghost" (1 Cor. xii. 8.)

St. Francis de Sales says, that the mere attention to self- diffidence on account of our own weakness, would only render us pusillanimous, and expose us to great danger of abandoning ourselves to a tepid life, or even to despair. The more we distrust our own strength, the more we should confide in the divine mercy. This is a balance, says the same saint, in which the more the scale of confidence in God is raised, the more the scale of diffidence in ourselves descends.

It is true that when we have recourse to God with confidence in dangerous temptations, he assists us; but, in certain very urgent occasions, the Lord sometimes wishes that we cooperate, and do violence to ourselves, to resist temptations. On such occasions, it will not be enough to have recourse to God once or twice; it will be necessary to multiply prayers, and frequently to prostrate ourselves and send up our sighs before the image of the Blessed Virgin and the crucifix, crying out with tears: Mary, my mother, assist me; Jesus, my Saviour, save me, for thy mercy's sake do not abandon me, do not permit me to lose thee.

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.