St. Michael The Archangel Church

THE SOCIETY OF SAINT PIUS X March 14th, IV Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)



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

Book Club: The men's book club will meet after Mass every 2nd and 4th Friday. Snacks/drinks will be provided. The first meeting will be discussing the first chapters of *Ball and the Cross* by G.K. Chesterton

Saint Thomas More Academy: Sanford plans to open two classes of ninth grade, one for girls and one for boys, at the start of the next school year. Please tell us as soon as possible if you plan to send a student to us. There will be some opportunity for Floridian students to be accommodated in families. Call 407-212-3032 or email stma.office@gmail.com

Contact information: If you are not already getting the important announcements that Father asks to be sent out, please email info@stmichaelcatholic.org with your name and phone number so we can add you to the list. All information is kept confidential.

Reminders:

- † Every 1st Sunday there is a second collection for the building fund.
- † 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.
- [†] Adult chant lessons will take place every 2nd and 4th Saturday after 9 AM Mass. Everyone interested in learning is welcome.
- † 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.
- † Altar boys and Choir members should be allowed access to the front of the confessional line. Please see Fr. Gerrity if this privilege is being abused.

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 Tender Compassion Which Jesus Christ Entertains Towards Sinners - St. Alphonsus

Through the bowels of his mercy towards men, who groaned under the slavery of sin and Satan, our most loving Redeemer descended from heaven to earth, to redeem and save them from eternal torments by his own death. Such was the language of St. Zachary, the father of the Baptist, when the Blessed Virgin, who had already become the mother of the Eternal Word, entered his house. "*Through the bowels of the mercy of our God, in which the Orient from on high hath visited us.*" (Luke i. 78.)

When Jesus Christ was near his passion he went one day to Samaria: the Samaritans refused to receive him. Indignant at the insult offered by the Samaritans to their Master, St. James and St. John, turning to Jesus, said: "Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven and consume them ?" (Luke ix. 54.) But Jesus, who was all sweetness, even to those who insulted him, answered: "You know not of what spirit you are. The Son of Man came not to destroy souls, but to save." (r. 55 and 50.) Hence, in another place, he said to his disciples: "Learn of me, because I am meek and humble of heart." (Matt. xi. 29.) I do not wish of you to learn of me to chastise, but to be meek, and to bear and pardon injuries.

This tenderness of Jesus Christ was experienced by the sinful woman (according to St. Gregory, Mary Magdalene) who cast herself at the feet of Jesus, and *washed them with her tears.* (Luke vii. 47 and 50.) The Lord, turning to her with sweetness, consoled her by saying: *"Thy sins are forgiven ;... thy faith hath made thee safe; go in peace."* (Luke vii. 48 and 50.) Child, thy sins are pardoned; thy confidence in me has saved thee; go in peace. It was also felt by the man who was sick for thirty- eight years, and who was infirm, both in body and soul. The Lord cured his malady, and pardoned his sins. *"Behold,"* says Jesus to him, *"thou art made whole; sin no more, lest some worse thing happen to thee."* (John v. 14.)

Let us then, sinners, return instantly to Jesus Christ. If we have left him, let us immediately return, before death overtakes us in sin and sends us to hell, where the mercies and graces of the Lord shall, if we do not amend, be so many swords which shall lacerate the heart for all eternity.

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 **Transub**stantiation. "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 For ladies and girls: Neither shorts, slacks, the edification of our neighbor, we beg all to ap- sleeveless, short nor low-cut dresses meet the pear in Church decent in deportment and modest norms of modesty. in dress.

especially visitors. It belongs to the parish priest Church law, gentlemen are bareheaded in church, alone to instruct the laity when they repeatedly and ladies are requested to cover their heads. dress or deport below expectation.

However, no one has the right to question others, Furthermore, according to apostolic custom or

For gentlemen and lads: Neither shorts, T-shirts Thank you for your charity. nor sneakers meet the norms of modesty.

Date	Time	Devotion	Feast Day
Sunday, 14th	7:30am 10:00am 4:00pm	Low Mass High Mass Low Mass	IV SUNDAY OF LENT
Monday, 15th			Monday after the 4th Sunday of Lent
Tuesday, 16th			Tuesday after the 4th Sunday of Lent
Wednesday, 17th			Wednesday after the 4th Sunday of Lent
Thursday, 18th			Thursday after the 4th Sunday of Lent
Friday, 19th	5:30pm 6:00pm	Confessions Low Mass	St. Joseph
Saturday, 20th	8:30am 9:00am	Confessions Low Mass	Saturday after the 4th Sunday of Lent
Sunday, 21st	7:30am 10:00am 4:00pm	Low Mass High Mass Low Mass	Passion Sunday
Monday, 22nd	8:00am	Low Mass	Monday in Passion Week

Mass Times and Feasts From March 14th - March 22nd