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# ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CHURCH

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December 15th III Sunday of Advent

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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*

## 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



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# News and Announcements

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\*\*\*Mass Schedule through the first week in January 2025 are available on the fsspx.today app \*\*\*

**2025 Angelus Calendars** available for \$12.95 in the modular.




**Ember Week Reminder:** 12/18 Wednesday, 12/20 Friday, and 12/21 Saturday are Ember Days.

**Second Collection:** There is a second collection taken up today for St. Thomas More Priory. Please make your checks payable to St. Michael the Archangel.

**La Salette Academy Admission:** The eighth grade and high school application process for the academic year 2025-2026 has begun. **Please submit applications for eight grade boys before mid February.**

**The Christmas Schedule is as follows:** Midnight Mass starts at 12 AM. Carols begin at 11:30PM. Dawn Mass at 9 AM and Day Mass at 12 noon. Fr. Leith will return to Sanford Christmas afternoon and return to Jacksonville on Sunday, December 29th. Therefore, no Masses from December 26th through the 28th.

**Feast of the Circumcision,** Wednesday, January 1, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are 7:30 AM, 10 AM, and 4 PM.

	<p><b>Rosaries said in November: 679</b> <b>Total Number of Children: 38</b> <b>Rosaries said to date: 3,564</b></p> <p>To enlist and record, please visit: <b>PompeiiRising.org/CRUSADE</b></p>		
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## **Please pray for the faithful departed of St. Michael's**

Louis Selthoffer, Teresa Courtney, Joe Courtney, Mary Newland, Jim O'Brien, Mac Mruz, Ruth Mruz, Elizabeth Coughlin, Bill Crowley, Harry Nevin, Angela Berger, Terry Rice, Lucille Nichols, Sally Grounds, Brady Brower, Fern Brower, Russel Bucca, Mamie Bucca, Kenneth Hollis, Ila Jo Hollis, Jeffery Smith, Coburn Walker, Lillian Walker, David Walker, June Roberts, Philip Graham, George Sposito, Roy Hatten, Eric Webber, Neil Ortagus, Stephanie Lorenzana, Asuncion Salazar Mella, Patricia Hays, Wilma Allen, Jerry Nichols, Marty Kelly, Joseph O'Meara, Joan Piperno, AnnaMaria Sicuranza, Jim Nichols.

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



## **On The Means Necessary For Salvation**

“I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Make straight the way of the Lord.” John i. 23.

SERMONS OF ST. ALPHONSUS

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.

### **Diffidence in ourselves**

“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.)

### **Confidence in God**

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.

### **Resistance to temptations**

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.

If, then, we wish to save our souls, and to become saints, we must make a strong resolution not only in general to give ourselves to God, but also in particular to adopt the proper means, and never to abandon them after having once taken them up. Hence we must never cease to pray to Jesus

Christ and to His Holy Mother for holy perseverance.

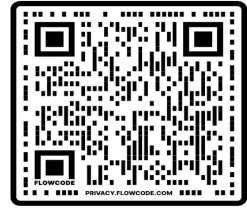
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*"I urge you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship." Rm 12:1*



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**Mass Times and Feasts From Dec 15<sup>th</sup> – Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Devotion</b>	<b>Feast Day</b>
Sunday, 15 <sup>th</sup>	7:30am 10:00am 4:00pm	Low Mass High Mass Low Mass	<b>III Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)</b>
Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup>	-	-	<b>St. Eusebius Bishop and Martyr</b>
Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup>	-	-	<b>Advent Feria</b>
Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	Our Lady of Pompeii Devotions	<b>Ember Wednesday in Advent</b>
Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup>	-	-	<b>Advent Feria</b>
Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm 6:00pm	Confession Low Mass	<b>Ember Friday in Advent</b>
Saturday, 21 <sup>st</sup>	8:00am 9:00am	Confession Low Mass	<b>St. Thomas, Ember Saturday Apostle</b>
Sunday, 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7:30am 10:00am 4:00pm	Low Mass High Mass Low Mass	<b>IV Sunday of Advent</b>
Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup>	-	-	<b>Advent Feria</b>