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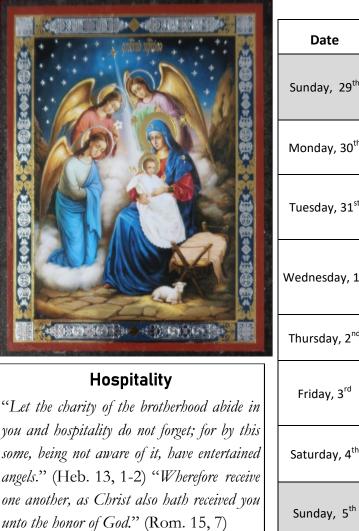




# ST. MICHAEL THE **ARCHANGEL CHURCH**

THE SOCIETY OF SAINT PIUS X

## December 29<sup>th</sup>, Sunday within the Octave of the Nativity



#### 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!

salvation of souls.

#### Mass Times and Feasts From Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> - Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>

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Date	Time	Devotion	Feast Day
Sunday, 29 <sup>th</sup>	7:30am 10:00am 4:00pm	Low Mass High Mass Low Mass	Sunday within the Octave of the Nativity
Monday, 30 <sup>th</sup>	-	_	Sixth day within the Octave of the Nativity
Tuesday, 31 <sup>st</sup>	-	-	Seventh day within the Oc- tave of the Nativity
Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup>	7:30am 10:00am 4:00pm	Low Mass High Mass Low Mass	Octave Day of the Nativity of Our Lord
Thursday, 2 <sup>nd</sup>	-	-	<b>Ferial Day</b> (First Thursday)
Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup>	5:00pm 6:00pm 7:00pm	Confessions Low Mass Holy Hour	<b>Ferial Day</b> (First Friday)
Saturday, 4 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am 9:00am	Confessions Low Mass	<b>Blessed Virgin Mary</b> on Saturday (First Saturday)
Sunday, 5 <sup>th</sup>	7:30am 10:00am 4:00pm	Low Mass High Mass Low Mass	Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus
Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup>	-	-	The Epiphany of the Lord

### **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

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## **News and Announcements**

Feast of the Circumcision Mass Schedule: January 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass Times are 07:30am, 10am, and 4pm.

**2025 Angelus Calendars** are available for **\$10** in the modular building.

La Salette Academy Admission: 8th-12th grade admission has begun for the 2025-2026 academic year. Please submit before mid-February.

## **Pompeii Rising Updates**

Current Funds Raised: \$2,040,397 Additional Cash Required: \$707,400

Children's Rosary Crusade: 3,412 Rosaries have been offered since November.

**Parents of Crusaders** please turn in the number of Rosaries by December 31st so we

can end the year with more than 4,000!

Tuesday, December 31st.

## Housekeeping & Reminders

- Please pick up Baptismal Certificates in the white envelopes on the console table in the vestibule.
- Children's Catechism meets every 2nd and 4th Sunday.
- Altar boys and Choir members should be allowed access to the front of the confessional line. Please see Fr. Leith if this privilege is being abused.
- Please email our church secretary for birth announcements and meal trains.
- Every 3rd Sunday, there is a second collection for the Priory in Sanford.
- Pray for our Vocations! Br. John the Evangelist, Sr. Martina, and Sr. Maria Raffaella.

"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 guestion 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.



"Behold, this CHILD is set for the fall and for the resurrection of many in Israel." LUKE ii. 34.

SUCH was the language of holy Simeon when he had the consolation to hold in his hands the infant Jesus. In these words he extols the lot of the saints, who, after this life, shall rise to a life of immortality in the kingdom of bliss, and he deplores the misfortune of sinners, who, for the transitory and miserable pleasures of this world, bring upon themselves eternal ruin and perdition. But, notwithstanding the greatness of his own misery, the unhappy sinner, reflecting only on the enjoyment of present goods, calls the saints fools, because they seek to live in poverty, in humiliation, and selfdenial. But a day will come when sinners shall see their errors, and shall say. "We fools esteemed their life madness, and their end without honour." (Wis. v. 4.) We fools; behold how they shall confess that they themselves have been truly fools. Let us examine in what true wisdom consists, and we shall see, in the first point, that sinners are truly foolish, and, in the second, that the saints are truly wise. Sinners are truly foolish

St. Augustine relates that two courtiers of the emperor entered a monastery of hermits, and that one of them began to read the life of St. Anthony. "What do we seek? The friendship of the emperor is the most we can hope for. Should we obtain his friendship, how long shall it last?" Friend, said he, fools that we are, what do we seek? Can we expect more in this life, by serving the emperor, than to gain his friendship? And should we, after many dangers, succeed in making him our friend, we shall expose ourselves to greater danger of eternal perdition. What difficulties must we encounter in order to become the friend of Caesar! "But, if I wish, I can in a moment become the friend of God." I can acquire his friendship by endeavouring to recover his grace. His divine grace is that infinite treasure which makes us worthy of his friendship. "For she is an infinite treasure to men, which they that use become the friends of God" (Wis. vii. 14.) God cannot but hate sin, which is his enemy and diametrically opposed to his will; and therefore, in hating sin, he necessarily hates the sinner who is united with his sin. "But to God the wicked and his wickedness are hateful alike." (Wis. xiv. 9.) Oh! how great is the folly of sinners, who, by living in sin, lead a life of misery and discontent! All the goods of this world cannot content the heart of man, which has been created to love God, and can find no peace out of God. God gives peace to the souls who love him, and not to those who despise him.

Tell me, brethren, to which class do you wish to belong to the wise of the world, or to the wise of God? Before you make a choice, St. Chrysostom advises you to go to the graves of the dead! Oh! how eloquently do the sepulchres of the dead teach us the science of the saints and the vanity of all earthly goods! "For my part," said the saint, "I see nothing but rottenness, bones, and worms. " As if he said: Among these skeletons I cannot distinguish the noble, the rich, or the learned; I see that they have all become dust and rottenness: thus all their greatness and glory have passed away like a dream. Behold the advice of St. Paul: "This, therefore, I say, brethren: the time is short: it remaineth that . . . they that use this world BE as if they used it not; for the fashion of this world passeth away." (1 Cor. vii. 29-31.) "The time is short." During the days of life that remain, let us endeavour to live like men who are wise, not according to the world, but according to God, by attending to the sanctification of our souls; frequenting the sacraments; reading every day a spiritual book, by visiting Jesus in the holy sacrament of the altar, and some image of the most holy Mary. Thus we shall be truly wise, and shall be happy for time and eternity.

#### 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 Bower, Fern Brower, Russel Bucca, Mamie Bucca, Kenneth Hollis, Ila Jo Hollis, Jeffery Smith, Coburn Walker, Lillian Walker, David Walker, June Roberts, Philip Graham, George Spositi, 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.

"The LORD is in his Holy Temple; let all the earth keep

silence before Him." (Hab. 2, 20)



#### In What True Wisdom Consists

#### The saints are truly wise

