
ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CHURCH

December 8th II Sunday of Advent



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

***Mass Schedule through the first week in January 2025 are available [on fsspx calendar](#) ***

Thank you to those who volunteered for yesterday's SPAR clean up day.


Feast Of The Immaculate Conception: Potluck is planned for after the 10:00 AM Mass and the Total Consecration To Jesus Through The Blessed Virgin Mary today.

Children's Catechism classes are cancelled this week in lieu of the Potluck.



Rosaries said in November: 679
Total Number of Children: 38
Rosaries said to date: 3,564

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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 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)*



On The Advantages Of Tribulations

“Now when John had heard of the wonderful works of Christ,” etc. MATT. ix. 2.

SERMONS OF ST. ALPHONSUS

IN tribulations God enriches his beloved souls with the greatest graces. Behold, St. John in his chains comes to the knowledge of the works of Jesus Christ: “When John had heard in prison the works of Christ.” Great indeed are the advantages of tribulations. The Lord sends them to us, not because he wishes our misfortune, but because he desires our welfare. Hence, when they come upon us we must embrace them with thanksgiving, and must not only resign ourselves to the divine will, but must also rejoice that God treats us as he treated his Son Jesus Christ, whose life, upon this earth was always full of tribulation. I shall now show, in the first point, the advantages we derive from tribulations; and in the second, I shall point out the manner in which we ought to bear them.

On the great advantages we derive from tribulations.

“What doth he know that had not been tried? A man that hath much experience shall think of many things, and he that hath learned many things shall show forth understanding.” (Eccl. xxxiv. 9.) They who live in prosperity, and have no experience of adversity, know nothing of the state of their souls. In the first place, tribulation opens the eyes which prosperity had kept shut. St. Paul remained blind after Jesus Christ appeared to him, and, during his blindness, he perceived the errors in which he lived. During his imprisonment in Babylon, King Manasses had recourse to God, was convinced of the malice of his sins, and did penance for them. “And after that he was in distress he prayed to the Lord his God, and did penance exceedingly before the God of his fathers.” (2 Paral. xxxiii. 12.) The prodigal, when he found himself under the necessity of feeding swine, and afflicted with hunger, exclaimed: “I will arise and go to my father.” (Luke xv. 18.) Secondly, tribulation takes from our hearts all affections to earthly things. When a mother wishes to wean her infant she puts gall on the paps, to excite his disgust, and induce him to take better food. God treats us in a similar manner: to detach us from temporal goods, he mingles them with gall, that by tasting its bitterness, we may conceive a dislike for them, and place our affections on the things of Heaven. “God,” says St. Augustine, “mingles bitterness with earthly pleasures, that we may seek another felicity, whose sweetness does not deceive.” (Ser. xxix., de Verb. Dom.) Thirdly, they who live in prosperity are molested by many temptations of pride, of vain-glory; of desires of acquiring greater wealth, great honours, and greater pleasures. Tribulations free us from these temptations, and make us humble and content in the state in which the Lord has placed us. Hence the Apostle says: “We are chastised by the Lord that we may not be condemned with this world.” (1 Cor. xi. 32.)

On the manner in which we should bear tribulations

He who suffers tribulations in this world should, in the first place, abandon sin, and endeavour to recover the grace of God; for as long as he remains in sin, the merit of all his sufferings is lost. “If,” says St. Paul, “I should deliver my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.” (1 Cor. xiii. 3.) If you suffered all the torments of the martyrs; or bore to be burned alive, and were not in the state of grace, it would profit you nothing.

“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 Dec 8th – Dec 16th

Date	Time	Devotion	Feast Day
Sunday, 8 th	7:30am 10:00am 4:00pm	Low Mass High Mass Low Mass	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Monday, 9 th	-	-	Advent Feria
Tuesday, 10 th	-	-	Advent Feria
Wednesday, 11 th	6:30pm	Our Lady of Pompeii Devotions	St. Damasus <i>Pope and Confessor</i>
Thursday, 12 th	-	-	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Friday, 13 th	5:00pm 6:00pm	Confession Low Mass	St. Lucy <i>Virgin and Martyr</i>
Saturday, 14 th	8:00am 9:00am	Confession Low Mass	Advent Feria
Sunday, 15 th	7:30am 10:00am 4:00pm	Low Mass High Mass Low Mass	III Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)
Monday, 16 th	-	-	St. Eusebius <i>Bishop and Martyr</i>