

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH



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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 6, 2016
A SUNDAY FOR REJOICING**

Today's Gospel story of the prodigal son is a favorite of many. We can identify with all the major figures and their crisscross of emotions. The father's initial grief over his young son's avarice is turned to relief at his return. The son's grief over his loss of fortune, family, and friends is turned to delirious joy at the sight of his father.

We understand the eldest son's bewilderment over his father's generosity. For the older son, virtue seems not to be its own reward. For all his honorable toil and loyalty, there seems to be no celebration. The father, however, is prodigal in his forgiveness and mercy. He expects the same generosity from his older son. He wants all to rejoice when the lost one is found.

This is a Sunday for rejoicing. It's time to pause, consider, and encourage one another. We are the prodigal children heading home. We are the elder siblings waiting with the eager Father, who scans the horizon. In Christ Jesus we are reconciled to the Father and one another. In his death and resurrection we have passed over. We are a new creation. In this we rejoice.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God's people enter the promised land, observe the Passover, and eat of the produce of the land (**Joshua 5:9a, 10-12**) or **1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a**.

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (**Psalm 34**) or **Psalm 23**.

Second Reading — We are now ambassadors for Christ (**2 Corinthians 5:17-21**) or **Ephesians 5:8-14**.

Gospel — We must rejoice when our brother who was dead in sin repents and comes back to life (**Luke 15:1-3, 11-32**) or **John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]**.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

One of the first steps to a Catholic wedding takes place in the parish rectory, as the newly engaged come forward to "set a date." We owe this scenario to reforms made by the emperor Charlemagne late in the eighth century. He required that nobles and commoners alike have public weddings, and also required that marrying couples be examined for factors that would block a marriage, such as previous marriages or close kinship. The pope was more conservative, however, and resisted the emperor's creativity. It was enough for the pope that the couples exchange consent.

That tradition is passed on to this day, to some couples' surprise. In 866, Pope Nicholas ruled that a marriage was legal and binding even without a liturgy or public celebration. After that, it was the consent of the couple, not the blessing of parents or priest, that made a marriage "count." If consent was lacking, such as through abduction or fear, then the marriage could not "take." Charlemagne got a great deal done, but he was a political flash in the pan, and the empire had virtually collapsed by the year 1000. Europe broke into a checkerboard of princedoms and languages, and at last all marriages came under the church, the glue holding the known world together.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
- Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
- Sunday:** Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11; Alternate readings (Year A): Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

RCIA—PRESENTATION OF THE CREED

This Tuesday, March 8th at the 6pm Mass, our Elect will receive the Nicene Creed as they continue on their journey to the Easter sacraments. Please support them by attending this Mass and being a witness to our faith.



SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, March 24 7:00 pm Mass followed with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for one hour.

Good Friday, March 25 3:00 pm Reading of the Passion, Adoration of the Cross, Holy Communion.

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross.

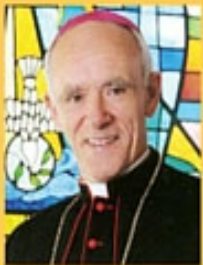
7:30 pm Passion Play Musical Reenactment in Parish Hall.

Saturday March 26 8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, March 27 8:00 am Mass
10:00 am Mass
12:00 noon Mass

Easter Day Masses will be outside. Please bring a folding or lawn chair

Parish Mission 2016

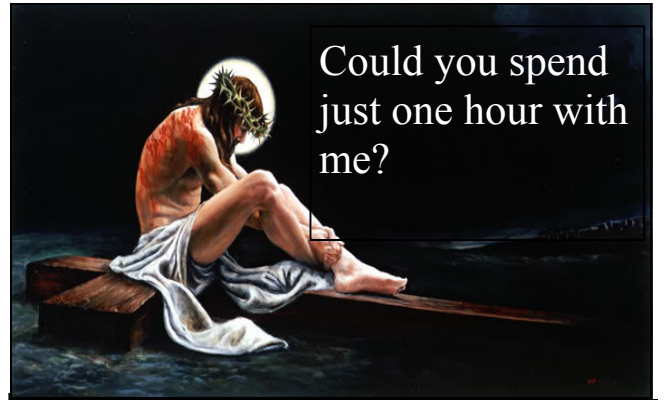


Save The Date
March 14th-16th
8:30am & 6:00pm

Featuring Bishop Edmond Carmody

Lenten Penance Service During the Parish Mission Tuesday, March 15th

Please cancel regular activities and plan to attend both sessions of our Parish Mission each day. This is an excellent way to be spiritually renewed in preparation for Holy Week. Several priests will be available for the Penance Service.



ST. MICHAEL'S GOOD FRIDAY PASSION PLAY Musical Reenactment

St. Michael's Music Dept. will present "God So Loved the World" A Passion Play-Musical Reenactment"

Good Friday, March 25, 2016

St. Michael's Parish hall 7:30 p.m.

This powerful, spiritual musical and portrayal of the events of Holy Thursday and Good Friday will bring to life the passion of our Lord in His final hours. Admission is free.



OUR PASSION PLAY CAST NEEDS YOUR HELP!

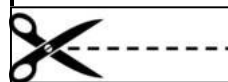
We are beginning to work on costumes and are in need of solid color fabric 1 yard to 1 1/2 yards each:

- Deep red—purple— white
- navy—medium blue—earth tones

Fabrics can be dropped off by the choir area on Sundays

For more information please call/email:

Kathleen Lunman
904-310-9389 or (732) 895-9234
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REMINDER:
Set your clocks ahead next weekend.





GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS OFFERING!

Registered Families	February 28, 2016
Offertory	\$19,098.27
Children's Collection	60.00
On Line Giving	\$1,240.00



FLORIDA EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS
Sponsored by the Diocese of St. Augustine

March 11 @ 5:00 PM - March 12 @ 4:00 PM
Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center
Jacksonville, FL

FEATURED SPEAKERS

Oscar Cardinal Rodriguez Maradiaga
Wilton D. Gregory, Archbishop of Atlanta
Leah Darrow—Catholic author & speaker
Chris Stefanick—RealLifeCatholic.com



STATIONS OF THE CROSS & LENTEN MEAL

After Stations of the Cross at 6pm on Fridays, a Lenten Meal will be served in the Parish Hall.

Friday's Dinner after Stations of the Cross on March 11th will be: Panko crusted baked Flounder fillet with hash brown potato patty, garlic bread sticks, and a fresh garden salad with spring mix, hearts of romaine, iceberg lettuce, tomatoes and your choice and dressing. Also coffee, lemonade, iced tea, and juice. Adults \$8, children under 12- \$5 Great taste, value, and "company".

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

St. Michael Parish Men's Club will hold their annual St. Patrick Day Dinner Ticket sales this week end at all Masses. The Dinner will be held on March 19th in the Parish Hall, serving from 5:00pm—8:00pm.

It will feature Irish Music, sing-a-long, 50/50 Raffle, and a special Quilt for St. Patrick Day Raffle and door prizes. The dinner will be corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, and desserts.

Tickets prices are \$12.00 per person, children under 6 eat free (hot dogs will be available). Also available a cash bar with wine, beer, soda, and water.



- Sat. March 5 (5pm) Sylvia Share by Gary & Linda Skura
- Sat. Mar. 5 (7pm) Spanish Mass
- Sun. Mar. 6 (8am) Fr. Bob Napier by Paul Donovan
- Sun. Mar. 6 (10am) Anne Hammer by Dan Hammer & family
- Sun. Mar. 6 (12noon) Parishioners of St. Michael
- Mon. Mar. 7 (8:30am) Charlotte Coulgrip by Bill & Robin St. Peter
- Tues. Mar. 8 (6pm) Marka Maclean by Mariela Martin
- Wed. Mar. 9 (8:0am) Rod Brannen by Patrick & Suzy Sabadie
- Thurs. Mar. 10 (8:30am) Loraine Mangold Gross by Patrick & Suzy Sabadie
- Fri. Mar. 11 (8:30am) Cy Yelk by Jan & Jan Smith
- Sat. Mar. 12 (5pm) Brenda Lathrop by Bill & Patsy Flynn
- Sat. March 12 (7pm) Spanish Mass
- Sun. Mar. 13 (8am) Parishioners of St. Michael
- Sun. Mar. 13 (10am) Paul & Angeline Latina by Paul Latina & family
- Sun. Mar. 13 (12noon) Charlene Camelo by Martin Guevara

Please pray for all requests in our Prayer Request Book.

INTERFAITH DINNER NETWORK (IDN)

IDN signup for April, May and June dinners will be in the parish hall on Tuesday, March 8 at 7:00. All are welcome. Please bring your favorite beverage and finger food to share. There will be a brief meeting with signups and wonderful fellowship. Call Steve White at 206-6128 with any questions.

Thank you all that have generously donated food to the basket at the entrance of the church. There is a constant need to help the less fortunate. Imagine what could be done if each family were to bring in just one item per week!

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Please keep our First Reconciliation students in your prayers as they will receive the Sacrament on Wednesday, March 9th.



EASTER FLOWERS

If you wish to donate toward Easter Flowers, additional envelopes at the church entrance.

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Rev. Jose Kallukalam, Pastor
Visiting Priest: Rev. Gerard O'Shea
Deacon Art Treadwell

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Masses: 5:00 pm
7:00 pm (Spanish Mass)

Sunday Masses- 8:00 am—10:00 am—12:00 noon

Confessions:
Saturday: 4:00-4:45 pm or by appointment

Daily Masses: 8:30 am Mon., Wed., Thurs., & Fri.
6:00 pm Tues.

Holy Days Vigil: 6:00 pm
Holy Day 8:30 am & 6:00 pm

MINISTRY TO SICK & HOMEBOUND

Weekly visits and monthly Communion Services are held at Savannah Grand, Quality Health Care and Jane Adams House. Visits by Priest or Extraordinary Minister can be arranged by calling 261-3472.

MATRIMONY

Marriage preparation for couples who wish to be married in a Catholic ceremony must meet with their parish priest at least eight months prior to the wedding date.

R.C.I.A.

For those seeking to learn more about the Catholic faith, call 261-3472.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Classes are available for grades 1—8. Sacrament preparation is available for Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. Call the parish office, 261-3472.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Walt Edwards: 491-0180

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Denise Ziegler: 654-3855

ST. MICHAEL ACADEMY

Pre-K—Grade 8 Principal—Jackie Stewart
Call 321-2102 for information
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St. Michael Catholic Church Mission Statement

We are the body of Christ at St. Michael's Parish, called to: Gather for Worship, Celebrate the Paschal Mysteries, Preach the Gospel, Minister to Others, Be Witnesses to the World.