

# ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOVEMBER 25, 2018



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## Our Mission

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  
And be Witnesses to the World.

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# OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

NOVEMBER 25, 2018

## CHRIST IS KING

On the final Sunday of the liturgical year we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. It's easy to understand today's scriptures as events that happened long ago and far away, or predictions that will come true somewhere, some day. But they invite us to claim Christ as our King here and now. Jesus' words to Pilate in the Gospel remind us that his kingdom transcends time and place. And the prophecies from Daniel and Revelation give us reason to be faithful to Christ our King right here and right now.

By concluding the year with this feast we are proclaiming our faith that Jesus Christ is the one and only King over all seasons, all peoples, and all of creation. No matter what nation we belong to or what language we speak, he **"has made us into a kingdom"** (Revelation 1:6) – one people united in love and peace for all eternity.

### SOLEMNITY of CHRIST the KING

This Sunday is the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year. On this Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King.

Pilate questions Jesus about the charges brought against him. Caiaphas and the high priests have charged Jesus with a political crime, one that would require a punishment of death. Pilate distances himself from the Jewish leaders who accuse Jesus; he is not a Jew, and he seems to want little to do with this Jewish affair.

Jesus refers to a kingdom that does not belong to this world. This has been mentioned earlier in John's Gospel. Recall that in his prayer during the Last Supper discourse (see John 17:6-18), Jesus prayed for his disciples who are in the world but do not belong to the world. Yet like Jesus, they are sent into the world for the world's salvation.

Truth has been another important theme in John's Gospel. We see it emphasized in the conclusion of the dialogue between Jesus and Pilate. Those who know the truth will recognize Jesus as king and will know how to interpret this insight. Yet Jesus' kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries. Only those chosen, those who have the eyes of faith, are able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we also struggle at times to recognize Jesus as king.

Today's Gospel invites us to see with eyes of faith that we might recognize that Jesus, through his crucifixion and death, is indeed king and Savior of all.

### Faith and Traditions

#### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Although our Puritan forebears at Plymouth Rock were almost a hundred years removed from their Catholic roots, the old liturgical calendar still had an unconscious claim on their hearts. We've already seen how on Saint Martin's Day, November 11, medieval continental Europe observed a great harvest day of Thanksgiving, with games, dances, parades, and a festive dinner of roast goose. With the goose went ample draughts of "Saint Martin's Wine," the first wine of the new harvest. Martinmas celebrated full barns and larders stocked for the winter. Even after the Reformation, the tradition of eating goose on Saint Martin's Day was retained in Holland, and it was there that our Pilgrims encountered this tradition. When Governor Bradford sent four hunters out into the Massachusetts wilderness in the autumn of 1621, they did indeed find some geese and ducks, and were persuaded by the indigenous people to try turkey, too.

Just as the liturgical calendar has been tweaked over the years, President Roosevelt moved Thanksgiving to the third Thursday in November in 1939, probably to extend the Christmas shopping season. The protest was so great that in 1941 the day established by President Lincoln, the last Thursday in November, was restored. If the Pilgrims had known of the Martinmas connection, they might never have celebrated at all!

## Liturgical Schedule (Intentions)

Sat.	Nov. 24	5:00	Gabriela Griffiths by the Griffith family
Sun.	Nov. 25	8:00	Kathleen Turk by Norman & Maryellen Ledwin
Sun.	Nov. 25	10:00	James Iuiano by Maria Iuiano
Sun.	Nov. 25	12:00	Parishioners of St. Michael
Mon.	Nov. 26	8:30	Fr. Bob Napier by Paul Donovan
Tues.	Nov. 27	6:00	Mary Curley by Tom & Barbara Oden
Wed.	Nov. 28	8:30	Robert Deichert by the Iannuzzi family
Thurs.	Nov. 29	8:30	Virginia Bennett by the Iannuzzi family
Fri.	Nov. 30	8:30	Angela Fishburn by Harry & Susan Purnell
Sat..	Dec. 1	5:00	Roscoe Mullis by John & Moira Hegerty
Sun.	Dec. 2	8:00	Gladys Shripka by Harry & Donna Shripka
Sun.	Dec. 2	10:00	Irwin Southwick by Bob & Pat Henderson
Sun.	Dec. 2	12:00	Parishioners or St. Michael

Please pray for the sick and for all requests in our Prayer Request Book.

**Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe  
November 25, 2018**

**Jesus Christ is the faithful witness,  
the firstborn of the dead  
and ruler of the kings of the earth.  
— Revelation 1:5**

## Daily Readings

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — One like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship (**Daniel 7:13-14**).

**Psalm** — The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty (**Psalm 93**).

**Second Reading** — Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead (**Revelation 1:5-8**).

**Gospel** — For this I came into the world, to testify to the truth (**John 18:33b-37**).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6;

Lk 21:1-4

**Tuesday:** Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11

**Wednesday:** Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19

**Thursday:** Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28

**Friday:** Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

**Saturday:** Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36

**Sunday:** Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

**Monday:** Thirty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time

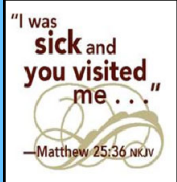
**Friday:** St. Andrew

**Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

**REMINDER: PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE NORTH SIDE OF BROOME STREET.**

**THE CITY HAS POSTED "NO PARKING SIGNS".**

## Coming Events



### ST. MICHAEL VISITATION MINISTRY

The St. Michael Visitation Ministry is seeking parishioners who are willing to visit fellow parishioners who are homebound, in nursing homes, or assisted-living homes. If you would like to become part of this much needed and rewarding ministry, you will receive training that will prepare you to meet our fellow Catholics wherever they are in their life journey.

For more information, or if you know someone who may need a visit, please contact us at [stmichaelvisits@gmail.com](mailto:stmichaelvisits@gmail.com), or call Peggy at 904-239-7137.



### ST. MICHAEL PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

At St. Michael, the mission of the Prayer Shawl Ministry is to offer Prayer Shawls to those who need comfort and/or healing. We meet every Friday from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

We also provide lap/wheelchair blankets, baby blankets, chemo hats, slippers, and items as needed in our church community. If you need a "prayer" or "comfort" shawl for a person needing a special "hug", please contact us.

New members are always welcome - and, **you are never too young (or old)** to learn how to knit or crochet. So, come join us, or work individually from home.



Prayer Shawls are given as gifts. Donations for supplies are gratefully accepted. For more information, please contact:

[stmichaelsprayershawl@gmail.com](mailto:stmichaelsprayershawl@gmail.com), or contact Peggy at 904-239-7137, or Joanna at 321-356-4658.



**All Religious Formation (adult and children) classes resume this Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at their normal times.**

## Ministry & Organization News and Announcements



This is the last weekend that our annual Angel Tree will be in the church narthex. In the past, St. Michael's parishioners have generously provided gifts for those less fortunate in our parish and in our community. Please take a tag from the tree and become a Christmas Angel. **Gifts must be returned by Tuesday, November 27th.**

### ST. MICHAEL'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Michael's Knights of Columbus will hold our Ninth Annual Charity Golf Tournament on Friday, November 30, 2018 at Omni's Oak Marsh Course. The Noon shotgun will be a Captain's Choice format at a cost of \$150 per player. Single players will be paired. All proceeds go to local charities. Donations are also appreciated from those who can't play. Contact Tom Smeeton 321-4139 or Bob Gerth 491-0368 ([bob@thegerths.net](mailto:bob@thegerths.net)) for more information.

### RCIA RITE OF WELCOMING/ACCEPTANCE

Please join us at the 10am Mass on Sunday, December 2nd for the Rite of Welcoming/Acceptance for our RCIA candidates and catechumens. It is in this Rite that they publicly state their intent to continue their journey to the Catholic faith.

Please keep our candidates Truman Brown, Zoe Gilsenan, Fernando Lopez, and catechumens Donna Byrd, Cathy Mulcahy, Daniel Robertson, and Paul Thornton in your prayers.



### 1st WEEK OF ADVENT ACTIVITY NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS

Just a reminder that this is the week we will be collecting the non-perishable food items. Items may be brought to the parish office beginning Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. (Office is closed on Monday morning until 12:00 noon and all day Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>). Final collection will be at all the weekend Masses next weekend. Look for our youth and members of the Family Life Ministry at all the doors of the church.



*Financial Update*

**Sunday, November 18, 2018**

**Registered Families 1565**

Offertory \$  
 On Line Giving \$  
 Children's Collection \$  
 Debt Reduction \$  
 On Line Debt Reduction \$

Amounts not available due to early submission of bulletin.

**2017 Q4 DEBT AND REPAYMENT AMOUNT**  
**(As of June 30, 2017)**

Existing Debt/Notes Payable \$1,481,712.00  
 4th Quarter Repayment \$-164,057.00  
 (From "Debt Reduction" Donations)  
 =====  
 Remaining Debt \$1,317,655.00

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**IMPORTANT REMINDER**

For security purposes and to avoid disruptions during the Mass, please refrain from opening the side doors of the church once Mass has begun. Signs have been posted on the exterior of the side doors advising late-comers to enter through the front of the church. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

*Ministry Schedule*

Saturday, November 24, 2018	5:00 Mass
Lector	Clarke
Ushers	Bender's
Extraordinary Ministers	Brooke, Dexter, Elwell's, McGowan, Smith
Altar Servers	Ella Schoening, Tia Schoening, Loretta Stephenson
Sunday, November 25, 2018	8:00 Mass
Lector	Morris
Ushers	Sechler, Yepes
Extraordinary Ministers	Anderson, Coleman, Dalton's, Pulsinelli, Gosnell
Altar Servers	Pulsinelli, E. Velazquez
Sunday, November 25, 2018	10:00 Mass
Lector	Pollard
Ushers	Bailey, Finnigan
Extraordinary Ministers	Avakian, J. Murphy, Nordlinger, Turner
Altar Servers	S. Schweitzer, Seabrooke, Harrison Pollock, Jessica Tita, Phillip Tita
Sunday, November 25, 2018	12:00 Mass
Lector	Fenn
Ushers	Kebert, Obertozer
Extraordinary Ministers	Amos, Caserta, Finnigan, Gosa, Howard, Janzen, Tasso
Altar Servers	Christian VonMohr, Sarah VonMohr
Saturday, December 1, 2018	5:00 Mass
Lector	Pulsinelli
Ushers	Lauerman, Vesier
Extraordinary Ministers	Cantin, Donovan, Fillion, Fuller, Elwell's, Sheppard
Altar Servers	
Sunday, December 2, 2018	8:00 Mass
Lector	Hill
Ushers	Gowins, Lunt
Extraordinary Ministers	Dean, Eby, Finnigan, Walters, Valezquez's, Walker
Altar Servers	Balsamo, Gosnell
Sunday, December 2, 2018	10:00 Mass
Lector	Smith
Ushers	Billings, Schweitzer
Extraordinary Ministers	J. Murphy, Nordlinger, M. Schweitzer, Smith
Altar Servers	S. Schweitzer, Seabrooke, Turner
Sunday, December 2, 2018	12:00 Mass
Lector	Maliwauki
Ushers	Clarke, Kebert
Altar Servers	Deacon Art, Lucey, Avakian, Bratton, Caserta, Howard, Janzen, Howard, Janzen

## OUR PARISH IN ACTION



**EACH YEAR THE ST. MICHAEL WOMEN'S GUILD ANGEL TREE PROGRAM PROVIDES GIFTS TO FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY.**

**THIS YEAR  
362 FAMILIES WILL BE BLESSED DUE TO OUR PARISHIONERS GENEROSITY.**

**THE ANGEL TREE COMMITTEE THANKS EACH OF YOU FOR YOUR  
OUTPOURING OF LOVE.**

**REMINDER: ALL GIFTS, WITH THE ANGEL TAG, MUST BE RETURNED BY TUESDAY,  
NOVEMBER 27, 2018**

## Parish Directory

### Pastor

Fr. Jose Kallukalam

### Deacon

Deacon Art Treadwell

### Weekday Masses

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:30 am

Tuesday: 6:00 pm

### Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 noon

### Confessions:

Saturday: 4:00 – 4:45 pm or by appointment

### Parish Pastoral Council

Mr. Jake Gosa, Chairman

### Parish Finance Council

Mr. Jan Smith, Chairman

### Parish Staff

Jeanne Dean, Secretary- [jdean@stmichaelscatholic.com](mailto:jdean@stmichaelscatholic.com)

Lori Kennedy, Director Religious Formation

Walt Edwards, Business Manager

Patty O'Neill, Bookkeeper

Denise Ziegler, Director of Music

### Parish Office Hours

Monday – 12noon – 4pm

Tuesday – Friday – 9am – 4pm

### Parish Phone

(904)261-3472

### Emergency Phone

(904)277-6566

### Parish Fax

(904)321-1901

### Parish Website Address

[www.stmichaelscatholic.com](http://www.stmichaelscatholic.com)

### Religious Formation

Adults – Sunday – 9am – 9:45am - Parish Hall

1st Grade – 7th Grade – 9:am – 9:45am

St. Michael Academy

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

3 year olds – 7 year olds – during 10am Mass

### St. Michael Academy

Dr. Chris Hampton, Principal

### Academy Phone

(904)321-2102

### Academy Website Address

[www.smacad.org](http://www.smacad.org)

## Parish Information

### Would You Like to Join St. Michael Parish?

To join St. Michael Catholic Church and to register your email address, to receive parish information and updates, please chose one of the following:

#### Register Online –

[www.stmichaelscatholic.com](http://www.stmichaelscatholic.com)

#### By Phone -

(904)261-3472

#### In Person -

505 Broome Street., Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

### Ministry to Sick & Homebound

Please contact the Parish Office by email or by phone to arrange a visit from a Priest or Extraordinary Minister.

### Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office by phone to arrange for a Baptism and requirements.

### Matrimony

Couples seeking information on marriage preparation and available date should contact the Parish Office by email or by phone to meet with a priest at least eight months prior to the wedding date.

### R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Persons interested in learning more about the Catholic faith are encouraged to contact the Parish Office by email or by phone for more information on our RCIA process.

### Religious Formation

Persons interested in Adult, Youth or Young Adult formation programs should contact the Director of Religious Formation by phone or email at [lkennedy@stmichaelscatholic.com](mailto:lkennedy@stmichaelscatholic.com). 7