

# ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 2, 2018

St. Michael Catholic Church

## *Preparatio Adventus*

For The

Second Sunday of Advent, December 9th

"I was naked and you clothed me"

MT25: 35-36



We Are Called by Christ to Prepare His Way  
Join Your Parish in Following Christ's Call by Bringing  
New Coats and Blankets to Mass Next Weekend or Drop  
Off at Parish Office by December 16th

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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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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 2, 2018

### THE PROMISE OF JUSTICE

We are in fairly good company when we ask God for justice. Often enough we hear and agree with the lament of the people of Israel asking God why the wicked prosper. However, when we call out for justice, we usually want someone to get his or her comeuppance. God's justice is something other than this, of course. God's justice comprises a wonderful rightness between God and human-kind.

Today, Jeremiah looks ahead to a time when a just one will sprout from the shorn-off stump of Jesse of the house and family of David. Life was not fair in Jeremiah's time. Israel's kings held the promise of God's fidelity, but it was difficult to see how God's promise could be realized through them.

Nevertheless, Jeremiah lifts his voice and announces that the Promised One will come. Luke's Gospel echoes that announcement, and Paul is filled with sturdy encouragement. And so Advent begins with a promise.

### THE LITURGICAL OBSERVANCE OF ADVENT

A new liturgical year begins with the season of Advent. At all Masses of anticipation on Saturday for the First Sunday of Advent, a new "Year of Grace" begins in which the faithful encounter our Lord and the blessings of the Paschal Mystery in sacred time.

The word Advent comes from the Latin word *advenire*, meaning "to come to." The season is always measured from four Sundays prior to the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Advent observes the two comings of Christ - His first in the Mystery of the Incarnation at his birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary as we await His second coming, the Great Day of Judgment, at the end of time. Therefore, the season is one of both joyful expectation and penance, that is, conversion, so that we may be alert and ready for the return of our Lord.

The season is observed in two ways. From the First Sunday of Advent to December 16, the focus is on readiness for the coming of the Lord at the end of time. Then, from December 17-24, the Sacred Liturgy readies us for the celebration of Christ's birth.

### Faith and Traditions

#### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Occasionally, someone raises a surprised complaint that while Christmas arrives on Santa's sleigh at the Macy's parade on Thanksgiving Day, the Church doesn't catch on too fast. They may even say that Advent is a new-fangled idea. Not so. To trace its beginnings, we have to go back to the fourth or fifth century in France (then Gaul), when Epiphany was the favored day, next to Easter, for baptism. The old pagan structures of Rome were collapsing then, and many people sought to be baptized. Since adults always prepared for baptism by fasting, folks counted back a few weeks for a kind of retreat. Before too long, bishops were advising everyone to attend church frequently beginning on December 17. Soon, artists were imagining ways of expressing the Advent mystery, and in Italy this gave rise to beautiful mosaics of empty thrones awaiting the arrival of the Lord of all creation.

Advent as we know it develops on two separate tracks: the first having to do with our spiritual preparation for celebrating the Christmas feast, and the second having to do with the way this is organized and expressed in the liturgical readings and prayers every day of the season.

## Liturgical Schedule (Intentions)

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
Mon.	Dec. 3	8:30	Gloria Goodell by the Goodell family
Tues.	Dec. 4	6:00	Eileen Cerase by Harry & Susan Purnell
Wed.	Dec. 5	8:30	Denny Saeng Choe by Gary & Linda Skura
Thurs.	Dec. 6	8:30	SPECIAL INTENTION for Michael Decowski by the Decowski family
Fri.	Dec. 7	8:30	Wenell Jones by Tim & Karen MacNair



The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation

### Vigil

**Fri. Dec. 7 6:00** Joanna Paola by Michael & Socorro Laurent

### Feast Day

**Sat. Dec. 8 8:30** Maury Shipper by Deacon Art & Janet Treadwell

**Sat. Dec. 8 6:00** Gary Snyder by Johnelle Snyder

**Sun. Dec. 9 8:00** Thelma Jones by Don & Elizabeth Talbot

**Sun. Dec. 9 10:00** Parishioners of St. Michael

**Sun. Dec. 9 12:00** Laura Galiano by the Janzen family

Please pray for the sick and all requests in our Prayer Request Book. Please pray for the repose of the souls of Parishioner Hope Harbn and Richard Nibe, husband of parishioner Phyllis Nibe. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

## Daily Readings

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** – The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah

**(Jeremiah 33:14-16).**

**Psalm** – To you, O Lord, I lift my soul **(Psalm 25).**

**Second Reading** – Abound in love for one another and for all **(1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2).**

**Gospel** – Stand erect and raise your heads; your redemption is at hand **(Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).**

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday:** Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

**Saturday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

**Sunday:** Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** First Sunday of Advent; Hanukkah begins

**Monday:** St. Francis Xavier

**Tuesday:** St. John Damascene

**Thursday:** St. Nicholas

**Friday:** St. Ambrose; First Friday Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

**Saturday:** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



## Coming Events

St. Michael Academy Cordially invites you to the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Auction Gala Friday, December 7, 2018 6:30-9:30 pm on the SMA Campus and Parish Hall.

Please join us for a cocktail reception and gourmet dinner created by Chef Davin Wardinsky (from the Omni Hotel) to celebrate!

There will be both a silent and a live auction with fabulous items! all 904-321-2102 for tickets

### LIVING WITH LOSS

The Living with Loss group will NOT meet in December. We will resume meetings in January. Have a blessed Christmas.

Please join us at St. Francis for a National Night of Prayer for Life – "Uniting the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with the Feast of Juan Diego" - 9 p.m. Dec. 8th to 1 a.m. Dec. 9th at St. Francis of Assisi Church 86000 St. Francis Way, Yulee

### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Tuesday, December 18, 2018 – 7:00 pm

#### CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

4:00 pm Mass (church)

4:00 pm Mass (hall)

6:00 pm Mass (church)

11:00 pm Mass (church)

#### CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

8:00 am Mass

10:00 am Mass

12:00 noon Mass

The music prelude before the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses will begin 1/2 hour prior to Mass.

#### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Monday, December 31, 2018

Vigil Mass

6:00 pm

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

Feast Day Masses

8:30 am

6:00 pm

## Ministry & Organization News and Announcements

### ST. MICHAEL YOUTH ALTAR SERVERS

Congratulations to our new Senior Servers  
(green cinctures).

We are very proud of all of our servers and their dedication to this ministry.

Altar Server designations are as follows.

*Junior Novice* (white cincture) - Newly trained servers who begin as bell ringers.

*Junior Server* (gold cincture) - Servers promoted after serving 6-12 months and mastering the bell ringer responsibilities.

*Senior Server* (green cincture) - Selected from servers who have mastered all 3 positions; bell ringer, priest assist and cross bearer. These servers must pass a 25 question written test missing no more than 2.

*Senior Master* (red cincture) - Servers selected from the Senior Server level to demonstrate knowledge of incense, all positions required at special Masses and pass a comprehensive test on the order of the Mass.



*Financial Update*

**Sunday, November 18, 2018**

<b>Registered Families</b>	<b>1565</b>
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 16,648.71</b>
<b>On Line Giving</b>	<b>\$ 2,702.35</b>
<b>Children's Collection</b>	<b>\$ 35.00</b>
<b>Debt Reduction</b>	<b>\$ 2,030.00</b>
<b>On Line Debt Reduction</b>	<b>\$ 287.50</b>

**Sunday, November 25, 2018**

<b>Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 15,818.04</b>
<b>On Line Giving</b>	<b>\$ 1,927.25</b>
<b>Children's Collection</b>	<b>\$ 29.00</b>
<b>Debt Reduction</b>	<b>\$ 585.00</b>
<b>On Line Debt Reduction</b>	<b>\$ 190.50</b>

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

<b>Existing Debt/Notes Payable</b>	<b>\$1,481,712.00</b>
<b>4th Quarter Repayment</b>	<b>\$-164,057.00</b>
<b>(From "Debt Reduction" Donations)</b>	

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<b>Remaining Debt</b>	<b>\$1,317.655.00</b>
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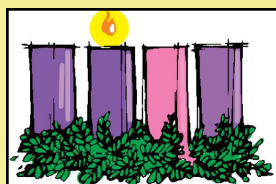
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**THE SECOND COLLECTION**  
**NEXT WEEKEND**  
**IS FOR THE**  
**SUPPORT OF RETIRED RELIGIOUS.**



*Ministry Schedule*

Saturday, December 1, 2018	5:00 Mass Lector Pulsinelli Ushers Lauerman, Vesier Extraordinary Ministers Cantin, Donovan, Fillion, Fuller, Elwell's, Sheppard Altar Servers Violet Herbert, Brady Massey
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 S. Schweitzer, Seabrooke, Turner Altar Servers Bogush family
Sunday, December 2, 2018	12:00 Mass Lector Maliwauki Ushers Clarke, Kebert Deacon Art, Lucey, Avakian, Bratton, Caserta, Howard, Janzen Altar Servers Zander Sellers, Catie Springer, Elizabeth Springer
Saturday, December 8, 2018	5:00 Mass Lector MacDonell Ushers Bender's Extraordinary Ministers Deacon Art, Gosnell's, Riegler, Shripka's, Altar Servers Mary Biagini, Emma Venerdi, Gabby Wagner
Sunday, December 9, 2018	8:00 Mass Lector Stoner Ushers Cardinale, Moore Extraordinary Ministers Coleman, Dalton's, Turner Altar Servers Oden, Pulsinelli, Donovan, White
Sunday, December 9, 2018	10:00 Mass Lector Lee Ushers Maddox, Martin Extraordinary Ministers Maddox, McGowan, White, Altar Servers Sciarini's, Sveta, Tufaro, Christopher Hampton, Harrison Pollock, McKayla Pollack
Sunday, December 9, 2018	12:00 Mass Lector Light Ushers Kebert, Miller's Extraordinary Ministers Gosa, Hippler, Mason, Pitts Altar Servers Tasso, Trocino, Piper Kebert, Grace Scuderi, Carmen Schmack

## OUR PARISH IN ACTION

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*"I was naked and you clothed me."  
Matthew 25: 35*

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## HOPE

*Preparing for the  
2<sup>nd</sup> week of Advent!  
Let our Church be  
Jesus Christ's visible face to  
Bring love in the world today.*



The Knights of Columbus will be collecting new blankets and coats at all the Masses, next weekend (Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>). Donations can also be dropped off at the parish office beginning Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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### THE LIGHTING OF THE SECOND CANDLE ON THE ADVENT WREATH

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God of our waiting, we light this candle to remind us that John the Baptist called us to prepare for the coming of Jesus. We pray that you may deepen our compassion so that our hearts will be open to serve you in all peoples.

Amen



## 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