

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 16, 2018

3rd Sunday of Advent

Today we light the third candle of advent. The candle represents joy. It reminds us of the joy the world experienced at the birth of Jesus.



5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Lesson and Carols Christmas Presentation in the church.



GOURMET CHILI DINNER - EVERYONE IS INVITED (following the Lighting in the Park. No canned stuff here...only homemade goodness. 3 types to savor, fixin's bar)
Mom's Old Fashioned Chili, Snow White Chili, USDA Prime Chili
Homemade Grilled Cheese Sandwiches
Aunt Nell's Assortment of Homemade Christmas Cookies

Tuesday, December 18th
7:00 pm in the church

Sunday, December 16, 2018
Advent Events

Please join us for a day filled with Joy!



Meet in front of the church at 2:30
We will Caravan to the Nursing Homes to Sing Christmas Carols.

Christmas Lights

SUNDAY @ 7:00PM
SPECTACULAR LIGHTING OF THE PARK
(20,000+ lights illuminating the way for our Savior)



Family Ornament Blessing in the Park - please bring an ornament that represents your family. It will be hung in the park during the park lighting.



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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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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 16, 2018

REJOICE!

Today has traditionally been called "**Gaudete Sunday.**" The Latin tag is derived from Paul's appeal in the second reading to "**rejoice always in the Lord,**" and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the progress of God's work.

Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy.

This, we are assured on all sides, is "**the season of joy.**" Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless.

A PRAYER FOR ADVENT

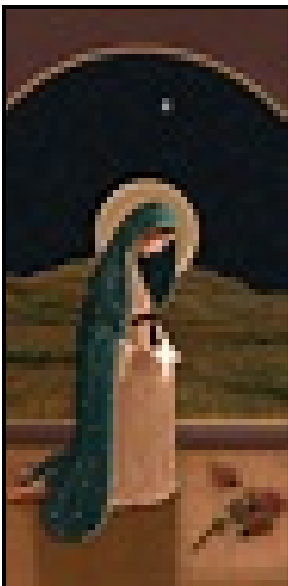
Mother of God, we sing your praises,
but we must praise you even more.

Our speech is too feeble
to honor you as we ought, for no
tongue is eloquent enough
To express your excellence.

Mary, most powerful, most holy,
And worthy of all love.

Your name brings new life,
And the thought of you inspires love
In the hearts of those devoted to you.

Amen



Faith and Traditions

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

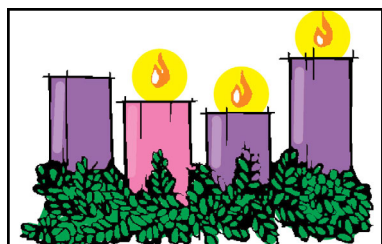
Years ago, the trick question on religion quizzes would be to name all the liturgical colors, or the colors of the vestments worn at Mass. Rose is a color seldom seen, used at most two days a year. Today, "**Gaudete Sunday,**" is one of those days. The name of the day is drawn from an opening verse in the old Latin Mass texts: *Gaudete* is Latin for "**Rejoice!**" This year's Gospel certainly reflects that mood as Elizabeth feels her infant within her leaping for joy at the presence of Mary. Mary's visit to her aged cousin is an act of compassion between women, as two kinswomen who are bearing children into the world share their joy.

Some churches retain the custom of having the priest wear rose vestments today, and many will use a rose candle in the Advent wreath. Violet is the official color for Advent and Lent, but many parishes employ different hues for each season, trying to keep them distinct. In medieval times, dye was costly, and poor parishes used unornamented plain cloth for vestments. Dyes were expensive and some colors, particularly purple, difficult to achieve. In England, purple dye was made from mollusks, yielding at best a deep indigo or blue and not the desired violet. Thus, the color of Advent in the British Isles has long been a deep blue, reminding many people of Mary's presence at the heart of the Advent mystery. That theology is largely unplanned: it's all because of the clams!

Liturgical Schedule (Intentions)

Sat.	Dec. 15	5:00	Irwin Southwick by Elizabeth Lauerman
Sun.	Dec. 16	8:00	Tom O'Hagan by Paul Donovan
Sun.	Dec. 16	10:00	Parishioners of St. Michael
Sun.	Dec. 16	12:00	Pearl Cooper by Don & Peggy Cooper
Mon.	Dec. 17	8:30	Mildred T. Gatehouse by the Fitzgerald's
Tues.	Dec. 18	6:00	John Cleary by Don & Judy Fischer
Wed.	Dec. 19	8:30	Joseph Mulligan by Catherine Turner
Thurs.	Dec. 20	8:30	SPECIAL INTENTION of Michael Decowski by the Decowski family
Fri.	Dec. 21	8:30	Paul Pechi, Sr. by St. Michael Women's Guild
Sat.	Dec. 22	5:00	Mary Zumber by Bill & Patsy Flynn
Sun.	Dec. 23	8:00	Parishioners of St. Michael
Sun.	Dec. 23	10:00	Donald Noe by the Springer family
Sun.	Dec. 23	12:00	Anna Maria Bader by Linda Bader

Please pray for all requests in our Prayer Request Book. Please pray for the sick and all who have died, especially Rose Marie Cantrell and former parishioner, Joe Raineri.



Third Sunday of Advent
December 16, 2018

The King of Israel, the
LORD,
is in your midst,
you have no further mis-
fortune to fear.
— *Zephaniah 3:15b*

Daily Readings

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Your God will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals (**Zephaniah 3:14-18a**).

Psalm — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (**Isaiah 12:6**).

Second Reading — Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! (**Philippians 4:4-7**).

Gospel — Whoever who has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. Whoever who has food should do likewise (**Luke 3:10-18**).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17;

Mt 1:1-17

Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;

Mt 1:18-25

Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;
Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17;
Lk 1:5-25

Thursday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6;
Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21;
Lk 1:39-45

Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1,
4-8abcd;
Lk 1:46-56

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16,
18-19; Heb 10:5-10;
Lk 1:39-45

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent;
Las Posadas begins

Tuesday: International Migrants Day

Friday: St. Peter Canisius;
Winter begins

Coming Events
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

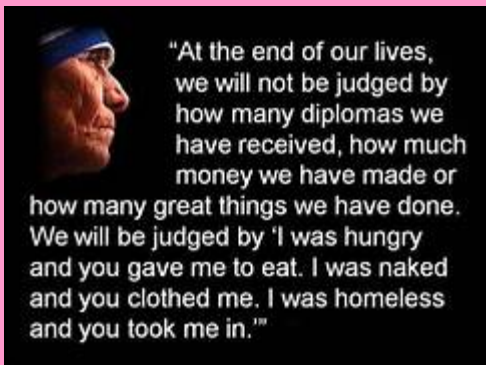
8:30 am

6:00 pm

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

“I was naked and you clothed me”

Matthew 25:36



Ministry & Organization News and
Announcements

**ADVENT/CHRISTMAS TAIZE’
PRAYER SERVICE**

The St. Michael Taize’ ensemble invites you to attend a 40 minute musical service that includes simple chants sung repeatedly, a time of blessed silent and reflection, a scripture reading and prayers of praise and intercessions.

Amidst the rush to prepare for Christmas, don’t forget to prepare your heart for the birth of Jesus; the true gift and spirit of Christmas. Please join us and bring a friend on Monday, December 17th at 7 pm at St. Michael Catholic church on 4th Street and Broome. All are welcome!

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday morning Bible Study will resume on Jan. 8th at 10 am in the green offices building next to the parking lot.

The Colledgeville commentary booklets on First and Second Corinthians can be purchased at the Book Loft on Center St. All interested are welcome to attend. Please call Pam at 321-0744 with any questions.

ST. MICHAEL MEN’S CLUB ANNUAL RETREAT

The St. Michael's Men's Club will be sponsoring its annual retreat at Marywood Retreat Center, St. John's ,Florida from January 25 to January 27, 2019.

Our Retreat Master is Father Jack Rathschmidt, a Capuchin Franciscan Friar . The retreat is open to all men of the Parish.

The cost of the retreat is \$175 for SMMC members and \$200 for non members which includes lodging and meals.

In the event someone can not afford the cost of the retreat the SMMC can assist.

This is an opportunity to put the stresses of everyday life aside and concentrate on ones spiritual life.

We have reserved 20 rooms at Marywood.

Please contact Charlie Sciarini of the SMMC at 904 491-4978 or csciarini@gmail.com to make a reservation.

Financial Update

Sunday, December 9, 2018

Registered Families	1565
Offertory	\$ 19,952.75
On Line Giving	\$ 3,238.00
Children's Collection	\$ 41.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 1,680.00
On Line Debt Reduction	\$ 305.00

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)	
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Remaining Debt	\$1,317,655.00

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**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING AN
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF THE
EUCHARIST?**

The next training is scheduled for Saturday, January 5, 2019 at 9:30am in church. You must be a member of St. Michael Parish, 16 years of age and confirmed. If you are married, you must be in a sacramental marriage.

Please call the parish office, 904-261-34723 for any questions and to register for the training.

It is highly recommended that present ministers attend the training also.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, December 15, 2018	5:00 Mass Stoffel Bender's Sheppard, Shripka's, Smith, Laurent, Valezquez' Katie Biagini Mary Biagini Zander Sellers
Sunday, December 16, 2018	8:00 Mass Sechler Young's Deacon Art, Anderson, Dean, Eby, Finnigan, Walters, Walker Dalton, Oden
Sunday, December 16, 2018	10:00 Mass Mackowski Livingston, Zagroday Balsamo's, J. Murphy, M. Schweitzer, White, S. Schweitzer, Turner Ivy Bradley, Anthony Balsamo Austin Thompson-Davoli
Sunday, December 16, 2018	12:00 Mass S. Quinn Kebert, Oberholtzer Amos, Avakian, Bratton, Cantin Caserta, Howard, Janzen Christian VonMohr, Sarah VonMohr Lilly Logsdon
Saturday, December 22, 2018	5:00 Mass Fenn Southwick, Walsh Sheppard, Shripka's, Smith, Laurent Valezquez' Ella Schoening, Tia Schoening Brady Massey
Sunday, December 23, 2018	8:00 Mass Maliwouski Sechler, Yepdes Deacon Art, Anderson, Dean, Finnigan, Walters, Walker Balsamo, Pulsinelli
Sunday, December 23, 2018	10:00 Mass Bustabad Holmes, Schweitzer Balsamo's, J. Murphy, M. Schweitzer, S. Schweitzer White, Turner Brooklyn Doratio, Kendall Doratio, Quinton Thomson-Davoli
Sunday, December 23, 2018	12:00 Mass Mason Kebert, Miller's Amos, Avakian, Bratton, Cantin, Howard, Janzen Michael Evatt, Logan Morse, Will Robinson

OUR PARISH IN ACTION



**THANKS TO EVERYONE'S GENEROSITY,
A LOT OF NEEDY FAMILIES WILL RECEIVE
FOOD FOR THEIR TABLE AT CHRISTMAS.**

**ST. MICHAEL'S DELIVERED 2,000 LBS. OF
NON PARISHABLE FOOD TO CATHOLIC
CHARITIES IN JACKSONVILLE.**



**THE STAFF OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES
CARRY FOOD TO THEIR SHELVES
FOR DISTRIBUTION .**



THANK YOU EVERYONE

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

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

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

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

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.