

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH
JANUARY 6, 2019



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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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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

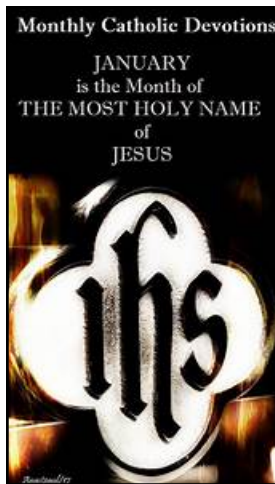
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FINDING GOD

The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew's Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi's home country and beyond, right down the ages to us.

We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route.

We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts.



A remembrance and celebration of the conferral of the Holy Name of Jesus. It is celebrated on January 3. A separate votive Mass under this title is found in the revised Roman Missal, and may be used for an annual celebration (e.g. titular of a Church), or as an expression of devotion which is part of the tradition and spirituality of a religious order. It was formerly listed as the Sunday between January 1 and January 6, if one occurs. Instituted in the 15th century by the bishops of Germany, Scotland, England and Belgium. It was extended to the universal Church in 1721. There is a commemoration in the Mass of the Octave of Saint Stephen if the feast is kept on the second, of Saint John on the third and of the Holy Innocents on the fourth of January.

Faith and Traditions

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Monday of this week is Christmas Day in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 B.C. Julius Ceasar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6. This put an end to a system in which officials called "pontiffs" were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named "The Last Year of Confusion." The new months varied in number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year, and lost a full day every 130 years.

Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11; when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia's Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end!

Liturgical Schedule (Intentions)

Sat.	Jan. 5	5:00	Irwin Southwick by Dave & Elaine Bender
Sun.	Jan. 6	8:00	Parishioners of St. Michael
Sun.	Jan. 6	10:00	Thomas Mazza by the Iannuzzi family
Sun.	Jan. 6	12:00	Edda Tasso by Brian & Mary Downey
Mon.	Jan. 7	8:30	Doris Neumann by Andy & Connie Elisee
Tues.	Jan. 8	6:00	Alexis Lauerman by Elizabeth Lauerman
Wed.	Jan. 9	8:30	Alexis Lauerman by Elizabeth Lauerman
Thurs.	Jan. 10	8:30	Pauline Dawson by Bill & Patsy Flynn
Fri.	Jan. 11	8:30	Nancy Moody by Tom Moody
Sat.	Jan. 12	5:00	Madeline Bender O'Dell by Dave & Elaine Bender
Sun.	Jan. 13	8:00	Alexis Lauerman by Elizabeth Lauerman
Sun.	Jan. 13	10:00	Parishioners of St. Michael
Sun.	Jan. 23	12:00	Edda Tasso by David & Sally Coyle

Please pray for all requests in our Prayer Request Book. Please pray for the sick and for those who died, especially Casey Dalton, nephew of parishioner Kenny Dalton. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



Daily Readings

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading – Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you (**Isaiah 60:1-6**).

Psalm – LoDrd, every nation on earth will adore you (**Psalm 72**).

Second Reading – The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (**Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6**).

Gospel – Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (**Matthew 2:1-12**).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 – 4:6; God

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10;
Ps 72:1-4, 7-8;
Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18;
Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13;
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 – 5:4;
Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13;
Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;
Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21;
Ps 149:1-6a, 9b;
Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11;
Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or
Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30;
Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14;
3:4-7;
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;
Blessing of the Home;
National Migration Week

Monday: St. Raymond of Penyafort;
Julian Calendar Christmas

WHAT IS THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY ABOUT?

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (*magi*) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee.

In the *magi*, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation.

The *magi*'s coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations.

Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Savior of the world only by turning towards the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament.

The Epiphany shows that "the full number of the nations" now takes its "place in the family of the patriarchs", and acquires *Israelitica dignitas* (is made "worthy of the heritage of Israel") [CCC 528].

WHY IS EPIPHANY CONNECTED WITH JANUARY 6TH?

Pope Benedict explains:

It is hard to say how far back the beginnings of the Christmas feast go. It assumed its definitive form in the third century.

At about the same time the feast of the Epiphany emerged in the East on January 6 and the feast of Christmas in the West on December 25.

The two feasts had different emphases because of the different religious and cultural contexts in which they arose, but essentially their meaning was the same: the celebration of the birth of Christ as the dawning of the new light, the true sun, of history [The Spirit of the Liturgy , pp. 106-107].

Ministry & Organization News and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

LIVING WITH LOSS

The Living with Loss grief support group will meet in in St. Michael's Parrish Hall on January 17, 2019 from 6:00 till 7:30.

If you have any questions or want information about our meetings please contact:

Ann Drumm (850-7702-8163 or email: adrumm2@gmail.com)

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

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

The Collegeville commentary booklets on First and Second Corinthians can be purchased at the Book Loft on Center St. All interested are welcome to attend.

Financial Update

Sunday, December 23, 2018

Registered Families	1565
Offertory	\$ 24,235.50
Christmas	\$ 25,809.93
On Line Giving	\$ 2,425.00
Children's Collection	\$ 93.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 7,406.00
On Line Debt Reduction	\$ 690.50

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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SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3RD

ST. MICHAEL PARISH MISSION

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 5, 2019	5:00 Mass
Lector	
Ushers	Delaney, Jetko
Extraordinary Ministers	Deacon Art, Dexter, Gosnell's, Shripka's,
Altar Servers	Aislin Alexander Charlotte Rescher Zander Sellers
Sunday, January 6, 2019	8:00 Mass
Lector	
Ushers	
Extraordinary Ministers	Anderson, Balsamo's, Coleman, Eby, Grubesky,
Altar Servers	Tufaro Dalton, Gosnell
Sunday, January 6, 2019	10:00 Mass
Lector	
Ushers	Howe, Parish
Extraordinary Ministers	Fuller, Hippler, Maddox, J. Murphy, S. Schweitzer, Sciarini's
Altar Servers	Anthony Balsamo Brooklyn Doratio, Kendall Doratio
Sunday, January 6, 2019	12:00 Mass
Lector	
Ushers	
Extraordinary Ministers	Bratton, Janzen, Mason, Pitts, Potochnik, Stoner
Altar Servers	Violet Herbet Emma Godek Piper Kebert
Saturday, January 12, 2019	5:00 Mass
Lector	
Ushers	Shripka's
Lector	
Extraordinary Ministers	Lucey, S. Murphy, Riegler, Sheppard, Laurent, Walters
Altar Servers	Katie Biagini Mary Biagini Will Robinson
Sunday, January 13, 2019	8:00 Mass
Lector	
Ushers	
Extraordinary Ministers	Deacon Art, Dalton's, Oden Kreger, Pulsnelli, Walker
Altar Servers	Balsamo, Gosnell
Sunday, January 13, 2019	10:00 Mass
Lector	
Ushers	Bailey, Graham
Extraordinary Ministers	Finnigan, M. Schweitzer, Smith, Selva, Tufaro, Turner, White
Altar Servers	Jessica Tita, Phillip Tita Austin Thompson-Davoli
Sunday, January 13, 2019	12:00 Mass
Lector	
Ushers	
Extraordinary Ministers	Amos, Avakian, Cantin, Gosa Caserta, Hippler, Trocino
Altar Servers	Devon Coyle, Gianna Coyle Logan Morse

OUR PARISH IN ACTION
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DECEMBER 16, 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

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. 7