

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

But many that are first shall be
last; and the last shall be first.

Matthew 19:30

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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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TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

CALL UPON THE LORD

The very first line of today's first reading summons us to seek the Lord and to call upon God. This sentiment is echoed in the refrain for today's responsorial psalm: "The Lord is near to all who call upon him" (Psalm 145:18a). Saint Paul is the embodiment of someone who constantly sought the Lord. In the excerpt we read today from his letter to the Philippians, we find Saint Paul toward the end of his life, a life he describes as completely consonant with Christ. He writes, "For to me life is Christ" (Philippians 1:21). To find out what it means to live life completely in accord with Christ we need look no further than today's Gospel. There we find that God's love and mercy are immeasurable for all those who seek and call upon the Lord.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION
SERVICE PROJECT

Our Religious Formation program are joining up with Catholic Charities to provide their displaced clients with much needed Hygiene Kits. Our students are excited about helping others, especially during this time after the Hurricane.

Anyone wishing to donate items that are needed, may drop them off at the parish office Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am to 4:00. Catholic Charities have asked that travel size toiletries be placed in 1 gallon bags. Items for the kits: Bar of soap, shampoo/conditioner, hair brush/comb, nail clippers, toothbrush and toothpaste, shaving cream, disposable safety razors, deodorant, hand/body lotion and washcloth.

Our students can put the bags together if you want to donate some of the items and not a complete bag. For more information please email: Lori:

lkennedy@stmichaelscatholic.com

All items are need before October 8th.

Thank you.



Faith and Traditions

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Along with the reform of the Roman Canon and the re-drafting of an ancient Roman prayer in Eucharistic Prayer II, two additional prayers were announced in 1969. Eucharistic Prayer III is a fresh composition. Like Eucharistic Prayer II, it has no preface of its own, but the presider chooses from a long menu of possible prefaces to become part of the prayer on a particular occasion. Also, like Eucharistic Prayer II it has a way to insert the name of the deceased in Masses for the dead such as funerals and memorials. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* views Eucharistic Prayer III as the best substitute for Eucharistic Prayer I on Sundays and feasts.

In practice, this prayer is used very often at Sunday Mass, and its texts are familiar to all members of the assembly. In this prayer, notice that the priest extends his hands over the gifts and calls down the Holy Spirit to change them into the Body and Blood of Christ. This call of the Holy Spirit is called the *epiclesis*, and Eastern Christians consider it to be the consecration. Latin Christians have long considered the "institution narrative" to be the consecration. Partly in response to a deep sensitivity to the East, the reformers took care to structure all our new prayers with a strong *epiclesis*. The poetry and images of Eucharistic Prayer III are fruitful sources of meditation. Why not take a sentence or two into your private prayer?

Liturgical Schedule (Intentions)

- Sat. Sept. 23 5:00 Gladys Shripka by Harry & Donna Shripka
- Sun. Sept. 24 8:00 Parishioners of St. Michael
- Sun. Sept. 24 10:00 Kyle Conger by Jim & Mary Caserta
- Sun. Sept. 24 12:00 Chuck & Audrey Wagner by Don & Peggy Cooper
- Mon. Sept. 25 8:30 Rick Rikard by Patrick & Suzy Sabadie
- Tues. Sept. 26 6:00 Richard Masters by Patrick & Suzy Sabadie
- Wed. Sept. 27 8:30 Joyce Capece by Patrick & Suzy Sabadie
- Thurs. Sept. 28 8:30 Patria & Jack Forsythe by Don & Corky Gerarde
- Fri. Sept 29 8:30 Jim Kehler by Marie Kehler
- Sat. Sept. 30 5:00 Thelma Jones by Don Talbot
- Sun. Oct. 1 8:00 Parishioners of St. Michael
- Sun. Oct. 1 10:00 Gloria Goodell by the Goodell family
- Sun. Oct. 1 12:00 For an End to Abortion by Pat Decowski
- Mon. Oct 2 8:30 Don Winslow by Arlene Rice

PLEASE NOTE:

There will not be daily Mass from Tues., Oct. 3rd thru Friday, Oct. 6th. All priests in our diocese will be attending their Annual Priests Retreat.

We will have Communion Services at 8:30am on Tues., Oct. 3rd thru Fri., Oct. 6th. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be Thurs., from 9:00 – 9:30 (following the Communion Service.)



Daily Readings

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading – Turn to the LORD, who is generous in forgiving (**Isaiah 55:6-9**).

Psalm – The Lord is near to all who call upon him (**Psalm 145**).

Second Reading – Live your lives in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ (**Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a**).

Gospel – The last will be first, and the first will be last (**Matthew 20:1-16a**).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian

Wednesday: St. Vincent de Paul

Thursday: St. Wenceslaus; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions

Friday: Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels; Yom Kippur (Jewish day of atonement) begins at sunset

Saturday: St. Jerome



Coming Events

MORNING OF PRAYER

On Saturday, Sept 30th, the St. Michael Women's Guild will have a Morning of Prayer. Registration and a light breakfast begins at 8:30am in the Parish Hall—the program begins at 9:00am ending with a light lunch.

This will be a prayerful morning to pray your favorite prayers and to perhaps pray a new type of prayer. All women of the parish are invited, as well as your family and friends – so feel free to bring a guest. Please RSVP: 904-261-3472 or stmichael-womensguild@gmail.com.

TAIZE' PRAYER SERVICE

Feel free to take a little time to rest in the Lord and feel the power of God's love in communal song and prayer before we rush into Fall activities. The St. Michael Taize' ensemble invites you to join us and bring a friend on **Monday, September 25th at 7 pm** in St. Michael Church, at N. 4th and Broome Streets. All are welcome!

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

We will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on Saturday, October 7th at 9:30am in the area between the church and academy. Fr. Jose will bless your pets; please have them contained or on a leash.

POSTPONING THE WINE AND WHISKEY EVENT

The Wine and Whiskey Committee had concerns about the timing of the event, September 29th. With so many people in our community being affected by Irma, they felt that the needs of these local families outweigh the needs of St. Michael Academy. With this in mind, they have decided to postpone the event until December 10th. Instead, each class at the Academy will be sponsoring a specific family who was impacted by the hurricane and will collectively put together items, cards, and supplies that they are in need of. The school is grateful for the sensitivity of the Event Committee and hope that you will still support the **Wine and Whiskey Gala on December 10, 2017.**

Ministry & Organization News and Announcements

ST. MICHAEL MEN'S CLUB (SMMC)

The October meeting for the SMMC will be held on Monday, October 2, 2017. We welcome you to join us in the Parish Hall at 7:00 pm for our general meeting followed by a social get together that includes sandwiches or pizza and drinks. All men are invited—so come pray with us and meet the men of St. Michael Men's Club!

BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

The Tuesday morning Bible Study group resumes Sept 26 at 10am in the Parish House. Commentary books on the Gospel According to John can be purchased at the Book Loft on Centre St. Participants should read the Intro and Chap. 1 for that meeting. **Direct any inquiries to Pam Huie: 904-321-0744.**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

We will begin Sunday, September 24th at the 10:00 Mass.

2017 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Couples celebrating a 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th or more wedding anniversary between January 1—December 31, 2016 are invited to participate in the 2017 Anniversary Celebration with Bishop Felipe Estevez on Saturday, October 28, 2017 at 1:00pm at Holy Family Catholic Church, 9800 Baymeadows Road in Jacksonville, FL. Includes Mass and a reception—no cost to attend, but donations are appreciated.

**Register at: www.dcf.org or call:
904-551-2619 by October 20, 2017.**

Financial Update

Sunday, Sept, 10 & 17, 2017

Registered Families	1645
Offertory	\$ 17,398.20
On Line Giving	\$ 4,229.00
Children's Collection	\$ 31.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 3,825.00
On Line Debt Reduction	\$ 550.00
Relief Fund for Hurricane	\$ 4,906.97

2017 Q4 DEBT AND REPAYMENT AMOUNT

(As of June 30, 2017)

Existing Debt/Notes Payable	\$1,663,549.29
4th Quarter Repayment	\$-181,836.47
(From "Debt Reduction" Donations)	
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Remaining Debt	\$1,481,712.82

ST. MICHAEL

DEBT REDUCTION

FY 2016 - 2017

Beginning Debt = \$1,782,897.72

Total FY 16/17 Repayments = \$301,184.90

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Remaining Debt = \$1,481,712.82

Your Continued Help is Greatly Appreciated

ONLINE GIVING

ST. MICHAEL

<p>Benefits for You</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Check or ATM stops before church. Safe, secure and confidential Use your checking/savings account or credit/debit card Schedule recurring or one-time donations View your giving history online at anytime 	<p>Benefits for the Parish</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduces check processing times before church. Allows staff more time to focus on ministries Provides giving history for tax statements Creates safety and security with data and financial transactions Reduces parish operating costs
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TODAY TO LEARN MORE

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, September 23, 2017	5:00 pm Mass
Lector	Light
Ushers	Bender's
Extraordinary Ministers	Deacon Art, Elwell's, Lucey, Pulsinelli, Walters
Altar Servers	Logsdon, Lucey, Wright

Sunday, September 24, 2017	8:00 am Mass
Lector	Stoffel
Ushers	Miller, Moore
Extraordinary Ministers	Coleman, Cooper, Dean, Eby, Shripka's, Walker
Altar Servers	Pulsinelli, Ramsey

	10:00 am Mass
Lector	Clarke
Ushers	Martin, Schweitzer
Extraordinary Ministers	Fuller, Izzo, Fuller, Sciarini, Stoner, Svela, White
Altar Servers	Thompson-Davoli family

	12:00 Mass
Lector	Maliwauke
Ushers	Oberholtzer, Oliver
Extraordinary Ministers	Howard, Lendry's, Pitts, Potochnik, Stoner, Tasso
Altar Servers	D. Coyle, G. Coyle, Evatt

Saturday, September 30, 2017	5:00 pm Mass
Lector	Loveless
Ushers	Schneiders
Extraordinary Ministers	
Altar Servers	Biagini, Schoening's

Sunday, October 1, 2017	8:00 am Mass
Lector	Hill
Ushers	Lunt, Moore
Extraordinary Ministers	
Altar Servers	Shripka, Tolg

	10:00 am Mass
Lector	Mackowski
Ushers	Martin, Schweitzer
Extraordinary Ministers	
Altar Servers	Bogush family

	12:00 noon Mass
Lector	Freeman
Ushers	Clarke, Kebert
Extraordinary Ministers	
Altar Servers	Herbert, Sellers, Von Mohr

OUR PARISH IN ACTION

6:30-10:00 PM THE RITZ-CARLTON 5TH & BROOME

St. Michael Catholic Church

2017 FALL FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

LIVE OUTDOOR CONCERT

Featuring: **JESSE RICE**

CMA AWARD WINNING
NASHVILLE ARTIST

\$20 PER TICKET

★ TO PURCHASE: JESSERICESTMCC.EVENTBRITE.COM

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TRUNK OR TREAT - GAMES - FOOD - RIDES

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For more information, please call (904) 261-3472 or email lkennedy@stmichaelscatholic.com

St. Michael Academy proudly presents

"The SMA Visiting Author Series",

a program through which well-known authors visit the school and work collaboratively with our students.

Please join us for a special reception welcoming our first author

HENRY COLE

Wednesday, October 4

6:30-8:30 pm

Parish Hall

Mr. Cole is an acclaimed children's author and illustrator of books such as: *A Nest for Celeste*, *Big Bug*, *The Somewhat True Adventures of Sammy Shine*, and *I Took A Walk*.

Book signing, conviviality and light refreshments will be served.

You may purchase copies of Henry Cole's book at the reception, \$16.00 each.

(Great for your children or grandchildren!!)

Please RSVP by October 2 - champton@smacad.org

Parish Directory

Pastor

Fr. Jose Kallukalam

Deacon

Deacon Art Treadwell

Parish Pastoral Council

Mr. Jake Gosa, Chairman

Parish Finance Council

Mr. Jan Smith, Chairman

Parish Staff

Jeanne Dean, Secretary

Lori Kennedy, Director Religious Education

Walt Edwards, Business Manager

Patty O'Neill, Bookkeeper

Denise Ziegler, Director of Music

Parish Office Hours

Monday – 12noon – 4pm

Tuesday – Friday – 9am – 4pm

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:

Via Email –

lkennedy@stmichaelscatholic.com

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.