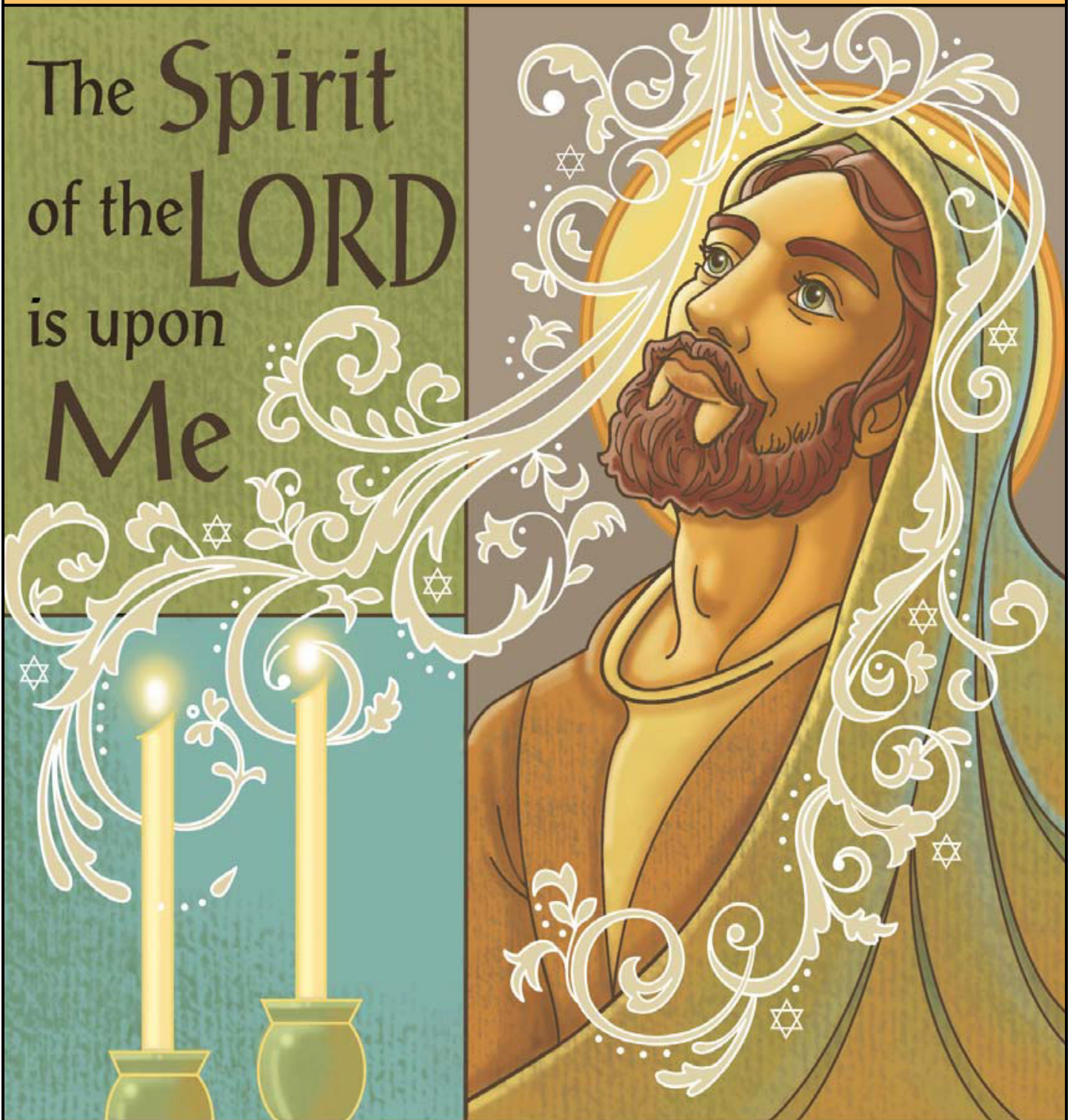


# ***ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH***

The Spirit  
of the **LORD**  
is upon  
**Me**



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**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
JANUARY 24, 2016  
LIVING AS THE BODY OF CHRIST**

Some of Saint Paul's best known and most beloved imagery is contained in the passages from First Corinthians that we have heard last week and this week: the many gifts granted by the one same Spirit and the many members making up the one Body of Christ. Few passages from sacred scripture more accurately sum up how Christian vocations work together.

Unlike some of Paul's other writings, which are a product of the social and religious conventions of his time, these enable us to look at our own lives and the lives of those around us to discern what gifts, what vocations the Holy Spirit has given for the good of all. We can likewise know the joys and sorrows of the other members of the Body and share in them for the strengthening of the whole Body of Christ.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Ezra read from the book of the law of God to the assembled people. They understood and accepted the law (**Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10**).

**Psalms** — Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life (**Psalm 19**).

**Second Reading** — As the body with its many parts is still one body, so it is with Christ (**1 Corinthians 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]**).

**Gospel** — While attending worship in the Nazarean synagogue, Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah and declares himself to be the fulfillment of the prophecy (**Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21**).

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

As Roman Catholics, our marriage practices have their pedigree in ancient Rome. One of the major players in shaping our practices was the warfare involved in building an empire. Soldiers vanished and sometimes never returned. Women began to manage their lives and to make decisions. The old family values were replaced by patriotic ones, and religion was more attuned to the gore and glory of battle, a religion of the state, not of the family. Weddings were still family celebrations, but had a public face. The bride wore a white toga and a red veil and walked to her new home. There, she and her husband joined their right hands and gave consent to each other, not relying on her father to give consent for her. Religion was optional: a pagan priest might be invited or not, and even without the ceremony, society agreed by common law that a year of living together equaled marriage consent. By the same token, marriage by consent also meant divorce was on the same legal footing, and did not require the courts or civil declarations. This is the world-view the first Christians inherited, and it was up to them to determine what was good and to hold marriage up to the light of the gospel.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

**Tuesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-18 or 9:1-22; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35

**Wednesday:** 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20

**Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14; Mk 4:21-25

**Friday:** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41

**Sunday:** Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** Third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week

**Monday:** The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends

**Tuesday:** Ss. Timothy and Titus

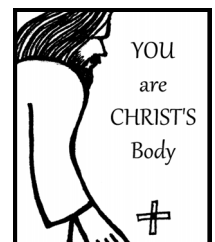
**Wednesday:** St. Angela Merici

**Thursday:** St. Thomas Aquinas

**Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary

**THANK YOU**

The Angel Tree committee would like to express our appreciation for the generosity of St. Michael's parishioners during Advent 2015. Your commitment was incredibly helpful in meeting our goal of providing gifts for 367 angels, which made Christmas brighter for those in our community who are less fortunate. Thank you for your kindness!



**ONE FAITH,  
One family**

**Joyfully Sharing Our Gifts  
in Mercy with others**

**2016 Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal**

**A TIME FOR REFLECTION**

**This week, all registered parishioners will receive an invitation by mail to make a pledge or gift to the Appeal. Our Appeal provides critical funding to our seminarians, Catholic Charities, five designated Catholic schools, and will ensure newer means of evangelization. As you review the vocations and ministries the Appeal supports, please reflect on your gifts. Your gifts to our parish, to the Diocese, and to the work of the Church throughout the world are a disciple's response. If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete and mail back to us, or bring to Mass next week. For those who did not receive a mailing, we will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses next weekend. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generosity.**

**ADULT CONFIRMATION COURSE**

If you are an adult Catholic who has received the Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist, but has not yet been Confirmed, we will be offering 6 weekly classes, starting in February to prepare you for Confirmation at the Basilica/ Cathedral in St. Augustine this spring. Please call the Parish Office: 904-261-3472 no later than February 1st. The time of class will be determined by the availability of participants.



**BAPTISM CLASS**

If you have a child/children to be baptized, you must attend a Baptism Class. The class will be held on the last Thursday of the month—January 28, 2016 at 6:30pm in the Parish Office, 505 Broome Street. Please call Donna Shripka: 770-377-0116 or the parish office: 904-261-3472 if you plan to attend.

**SPECIAL THANKS AND GRATITUDE TO THE  
SPECIAL PERSON WHO REMEMBERED ME  
WITH THE STAINED GLASS WINDOW WREATH.  
GOD BLESS YOU. MC**



**K of C FREE THROW**

The annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw tournament for Nassau County boys and girls, ages 9-14, will be held this year on Sunday, January 24 from noon to 4P.M. To facilitate participation in this year's county wide competition, contestants can choose between two locations to shoot their free throws. On the island, they can go to the McArthur Family YMCA gym, 1915 Citrona Drive in Fernandina Beach or, if it is more convenient, they can compete off the island at the Nassau County Boys and Girls Club gym facility located at 942259 Old Nassauville Road in Fernandina Beach.

Boys and girls will compete in their respective age divisions and all contestants will be recognized for their participation in the event.

There is no entry fee but parents or guardians must provide proof of age and written consent to compete.

For entry forms or information, contact Tom Sintes at 277-4007 or Jeff Rotatori at 261-0202. As a convenience, entry forms will also be available at the tournament locations.

**ANOINTING MASS AT SAN JOSE CHURCH**

The Order of Malta is hosting an Anointing Mass led by Fr. John Tetlow on Saturday, Feb. 27th at 11am.  
San Jose Catholic Church  
3619 Toledo Road  
Jacksonville, FL 32217.

**SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH of ST. AUGUSTINE**

In 2016, the Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Augustine will celebrate 150 years of apostolic ministry in Florida. WJCT will present a one hour documentary of the role they played in the foundation and growth of the Roman Catholic Church in Florida and Georgia. This will take place at Flagler College (Lewis Auditorium) 14 Granada St. in St. Augustine on Sat. Feb. 6th at 7pm. Tickets on sale at [www.ssjfl.org](http://www.ssjfl.org). \$10 with family and group rates available. Please call 904-824-9100 for more information.

**ELUSIVE HAPPINESS**

**Happiness will never be ours if we do not recognize to some degree that God's blessings were given us for the well-being of all.**  
—Anonymous



**GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS OFFERING!**

<b>Registered Families 1604</b>	<b>January 17, 2016</b>
Offertory	\$15,144.25
Children's Collection	51.61
Respect Life	\$2,081.00
On Line Giving	
1/3/2016	\$619.00
1/10/2016	\$2,977.00
1/17/2016	\$1,718.00

**FROM THE DIOCESE OF ST. AUGUSTINE SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR DISASTER RELIEF**

Violent storms in the last month in the form of tornadoes and floods have impacted states in the South and Midwest regions of our country.

To support this effort, Bishop Estévez has authorized a one-time special appeal this weekend, Jan. 23/24. The money collected will be used to support the efforts of Catholic Charities USA, the official domestic relief agency of the U.S. Catholic Church and their member agencies. They will respond to immediate emergency needs for such necessities as water, food, shelter, and medical care, as well as to the long term need to rebuild and recover after widespread destruction.

Use your normal transmittal forms for submitting donations to the Fiscal Office. If you have questions, please contact Jorge Maysonet in the Fiscal Office at: 904-262-3200, ext. 1232 or [jmaysonet@dosafl.com](mailto:jmaysonet@dosafl.com).

**IS YOUR MARRIAGE IN TROUBLE?**

Are you considering separation or divorce? Before you do, you owe it to yourselves to give Retrouvaille a chance. Retrouvaille is a program designed to provide help and support to married couples who are undergoing difficulties in their relationship.

For confidential information about or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend of February 19 - 21 2016, please call our Registration Couple at 904-662-8604 or email: [jacksonville@retrouvaille.org](mailto:jacksonville@retrouvaille.org) or visit the web site at: [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com). To register online, visit: [www.eventbrite.retrojax.com](http://www.eventbrite.retrojax.com).



**Coffee & Donuts are available in the Parish Hall after the 10:00 am Mass.**



- Sat. Jan. 23 (5pm) Gus Muller by Tom & Susan Smeeton
  - Sat. Jan. 23 (7pm) Spanish Mass
  - Sun. Jan. 24 (8am) Parishioners of St. Michael
  - Sun. Jan. 24 (10am) Jim Kehler by Marie Kehler
  - Sun. Jan. 24 (12noon) Max & Lottie Kaminski by John & Diane Sveta
  - Mon. Jan. 25 (8:30am) George Rupinen by Tom & Mary Atkinson
  - Tues. Jan. 26 (6pm) Jo Ann Cox by Jim & Jill Smith
  - Wed. Jan. 27 (8:30am) William Hall by Ray & Noreen Hafner
  - Thurs. Jan. 28 (8:30am) Col Richard Peacock by Nancy Ryan
  - Fri. Jan. 29 (8:30am) Anne Mailey by the Matthey family
  - Sat. Jan. 30 (5pm) Mary Jo Leocha Grell by Patrick & Suzy Sabadie
  - Sat. Jan. 30 (7pm) Spanish Mass
  - Sun. Jan. 31 (8am) Donald C. Newsome by Duane Newsome
  - Sun. Jan. 31 (10am) Col. Richard Peacock by Peggy Trocino
  - Sun. Jan. 31 (12noon) Parishioners of St. Michael
- Please pray for the sick and all requests in our Prayer Request Book

**FEBRUARY BLOOD DRIVES**

- Mon. Feb 8<sup>th</sup>, 3 pm – 7 pm, Yulee Elementary school, 86083 Felmor Rd. Yulee
- Tues. Feb 9<sup>th</sup>, 7 am – 11 am, WestRock paper mill, 600 North 8<sup>th</sup> St.
- Wed. Feb 10<sup>th</sup>, 10 am – 2 pm, CBC National Bank, 1891 South 14<sup>th</sup> St.
- Wed. Feb 17<sup>th</sup>, 10 am – 2 pm, Rotary Club, 31 South. 4<sup>th</sup> St. near the Florida House Inn
- Sat. Feb 20<sup>th</sup>, 9 am – 3 pm, Fernandina Pirates Club, 869 Sadler Rd, at the Loop Pizzeria
- Tues. Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9 am – 1 pm, Nassau Sheriff, 76001 Bobby Moore Circle, Yulee
- Wed. Feb 24<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 pm – 4:30 pm, Baptist Medical Center, 1250 South 18<sup>th</sup> St.

**Please remember to make your donation using the St Michael's parish donor number 1674.**

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**Rev. Jose Kallukalam, Pastor**  
**Visiting Priest: Rev. Gerard O'Shea**  
**Deacon Art Treadwell**

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Masses: 5:00 pm  
7:00 pm (Spanish Mass)

Sunday Masses- 8:00 am—10:00 am—12:00 noon

Confessions:  
Saturday: 4:00-4:45 pm or by appointment

Daily Masses: 8:30 am Mon., Wed., Thurs., & Fri.  
6:00 pm Tues.

Holy Days Vigil: 6:00 pm  
Holy Day 8:30 am & 6:00 pm

## MINISTRY TO SICK & HOMEBOUND

Weekly visits and monthly Communion Services are held at Savannah Grand, Quality Health Care and Jane Adams House. Visits by Priest or Extraordinary Minister can be arranged by calling 261-3472.

## MATRIMONY

Marriage preparation for couples who wish to be married in a Catholic ceremony must meet with their parish priest at least eight months prior to the wedding date.

## R.C.I.A.

For those seeking to learn more about the Catholic faith, call 261-3472.

## RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Classes are available for grades 1—8. Sacrament preparation is available for Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. Call the parish office, 261-3472.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Walt Edwards: 491-0180

## MUSIC DIRECTOR

Denise Ziegler: 654-3855

## ST. MICHAEL ACADEMY

Pre-K—Grade 8 Principal—Jackie Stewart  
Call 321-2102 for information  
Email: [smacad@smacad.org](mailto:smacad@smacad.org)  
Website: [www.stmichaels-academy.org](http://www.stmichaels-academy.org)



*St. Michael Catholic Church Mission Statement*

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, Be Witnesses to the World.