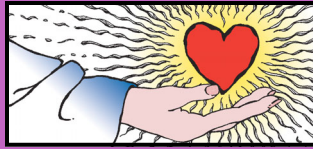


ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

A stylized, Art Deco-inspired floral illustration in shades of orange, red, yellow, green, and purple. The design features bold, flowing lines and organic shapes, resembling a large flower or leaf structure. The colors are vibrant and saturated, with black outlines defining the various sections of the design.

*The place
where you
stand is
HOLY
GROUND*

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 28, 2016
“I AM”

Kindness and mercy are what the enslaved people of Israel needed, and they came in the form of deliverance. They came through a leader, Moses, who was once plucked from the Nile River and was now herding his father-in-law’s sheep in the land of Goshen. The bush that burned but was not consumed shows us that God is inexhaustible mystery.

Moses’ awe and deference are mixed with a touching conversational tone as he seeks to learn God’s name. And God sweetly responds. The somewhat abstract “I AM” distinguishes the God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob from the minor gods in the territory who “are not.” They are helpless, powerless, and useless. Moses is to step out into an amazing future, and God will be there with outstretched arm. Just go and see, God seems to say.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD God appears to Moses and directs him to go and deliver the Israelites from Egypt (**Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15**) or **Exodus 17:3-7**.
Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (**Psalm 103**) or **Psalm 95**.
Second Reading — We are not to grumble like the people with Moses in the desert (**1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12**) or **Romans 5:1-2, 5-8**.
Gospel — If you do not repent, you will all perish (**Luke 13:1-9**) or **John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]**.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Ash Wednesday is not observed by Eastern Christians, perhaps because, at least in Orthodox practice, weekdays are not proper days for the Divine Liturgy. Typically, “Great Lent” has a bit of a prelude. On “Meatfare Sunday” the faithful have their last chance to eat meat for the entire period of Great Lent. A week later, “Cheesefare Sunday” has dairy on the menu for the last time until *Pascha* (Easter). At twilight on Cheesefare Sunday, officially called “Sunday of Forgiveness,” the church gathers for “Forgiveness Vespers.” The faithful identify with Adam and Eve, forgiving one another in order to experience God’s forgiveness. The desire to set aside all bitterness, and to achieve harmony and reconciliation in the family and with one’s neighbors gives a remarkable energy to the transition into the days of penitence. At the end of the vespers liturgy, the décor of the church is changed to reflect the new season.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 1 5:17- 21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 Alternate readings (Year A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

How is your Lenten fast going? Imagine the Eastern tradition. No meat, no fish, no dairy, no wine or oil. Some traditions permit vegetable oil; everyone goes without olive oil. Happily, strict fasting is not permitted on the Sabbath or the Lord’s Day, so on Saturday and Sunday the fast is somewhat mitigated, and wine and oil are allowed. If the Feast of the Annunciation falls during Great Lent, then fish may be served.

DAMAGE

Hatred does more damage to the person in whom it is stored than to the person on whom it is poured.

—Anonymous

Parish Mission 2016



Save The Date
March 14th-16th
8:30am & 6:00pm

Featuring Bishop
Edmond Carmody

Penance Service During the Parish Mission Tuesday, March 15th

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

St. Michael Parish Men's Club will hold their annual St. Patrick Day Dinner Ticket sales this weekend—February 27th and 28th at all Masses. The Dinner will be held on March 19th in the Parish Hall, serving from 5 PM - 8 PM.

It will feature Irish Music, sing-a-long, 50/50 Raffle, and a special Quilt for St. Patrick Day Raffle and door prizes. The dinner will be corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, and desserts.

Tickets prices are \$12.00 per person, children under 6 eat free (hot dogs will be available). Also available a cash bar with wine, beer, soda, and water.



WHAT ARE THE 3 SCRUTINIES ?

Our Elect are now entering the final stage of their journey to the Easter sacraments. It is called the period of Purification and Enlightenment. Starting last Saturday, and continuing for the next 2 Sundays, they will be examining their lives, striving to draw closer to Christ.

Please continue to keep our Elect, Susan Despres, Tim Gowins, Tanner Lee, and Jose Salome and our Candidates, Dallas Hempstead, Bryan Morris, and Brooke Springer in your prayers.



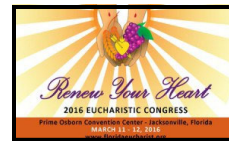
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross are on Fridays at 6:00pm.

LENTEN MEAL

After Stations of the Cross, a Lenten Meal will be served at 6:45pm in the Parish Hall. Adults—\$8.00. Children under 12—\$5.00. Carry Out's will be available.

Friday's Dinner after Stations of the Cross on March 4th (back by popular demand) will be: shrimp linguini alfredo or marinara with garlic bread sticks, and also a generous serving of garden salad with a choice of dressings. Come see us after Stations of the Cross.



FLORIDA EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS Sponsored by the Diocese of St. Augustine

March 11 @ 5:00 PM - March 12 @ 4:00 PM
Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center
Jacksonville, FL

FEATURED SPEAKERS

Oscar Cardinal Rodriguez Maradiaga
Wilton D. Gregory, Archbishop of Atlanta
Leah Darrow—Catholic author & speaker
Chris Stefanick—RealLifeCatholic.com

DAILY REFLECTIONS DURING LENT

Are you open to God's mercy? The Lord gives Himself to us, but are we willing to give ourselves to Him?
What do you still need to give over to Him?

Jesus chose to give our salvation not as a gift from afar, but to save us by being among us. This Lent, how can you do the same? Where can you serve others in person rather than just giving from a distance?

Do we hold other things to be more important than the Sacraments? Is our pride more important than receiving the Sacrament of Penance? Is our selfishness with our time more important than our attendance at Mass?
What idols do we seek instead of God's mercy in the Sacraments?

From: A Year of Mercy with Pope Francis



GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS OFFERING!

Registered Families 1612 February 21, 2016
Offertory \$18,165.57
Children's Collection 57.74
On Line Giving \$2,145.00



ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING
St. Michael Catholic

Church wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account.

Credit & Debit Card Giving lets you make offerings automatically on a pre-determined schedule using a credit or debit card.

Online Giving lets you go to www.stmichaelscatholic.com at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history.

As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Authorization forms and additional information are available from the church office.

JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

During this Year of Mercy, please join your neighbors for an evening of prayer and fellowship as our parishioners open their homes for a short Lenten service. Each service uses the same prayers. You are welcome to attend multiple days because with different people you will have different experiences. Call the host for the full address and to RSVP.

- 2/29 - Marie Billings 699-6814 (Marsh Lakes)
- 3/1 - Carol Cooper 321-2283 (Summer Beach)
- 3/2 - Maria Glenn 491-1403 (Beachwalk)
- 3/3 - Ron & Suzy Scheuermann 261-3348 (Scott Rd)



- Sat. Feb. 27 (5pm) Donna Cappuccio by the Cappuccio family
- Sat. Feb. 27 (7pm) Spanish Mass
- Sun. Feb. 28 (8am) Don Kienle by Dick & Betty Kienle
- Sun. Feb. 28 (10am) Col. Richard Peacock by Mark & Holly Pollack
- Sun. Feb. 28 (12noon) Parishioners of St. Michael
- Mon. Feb. 29 (8:30am) Harley McCarthy by St. Michael Council of Catholic Women
- Tues. Mar. 1 (6pm) David Mahoney by Carolyn Miles
- Wed. Mar. 2 (8:30am) Donald L. Wilkins by John & Helen Garvey
- Thurs. Mar. 3 (8:30am) Alfonso Sabadie by Patrick & Suzy Sabadie
- Fri. Mar. 4 (8:30am) Calvin Grupe by Frank & Peggy Trocino
- Sat. March 5 (5pm) Sylvia Share by Gary & Linda Skura
- Sat. Mar. 5 (7pm) Spanish Mass
- Sun. Mar. 6 (8am) Fr. Bob Napier by Paul Donovan
- Sun. Mar. 6 (10am) Anne Hammer by Dan Hammer & family
- Sun. Mar. 6 (12noon) Parishioners of St. Michael

The altar flowers are in memory of Jo Ann Marie Coogan.

Please pray for all requests in our Prayer Request Book. Please pray for the repose of the soul of parishioner, Thomas Francis Callanan. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

INTERFAITH DINNER NETWORK (IDN)

IDN signup for April, May and June dinners will be in the parish hall on Tuesday, March 8 at 7:00. All are welcome. Please bring your favorite beverage and finger food to share. There will be a brief meeting with signups and wonderful fellowship. Call Steve White at 206-6128 with any questions.

Thank you all that have generously donated food to the basket at the entrance of the church. There is a constant need to help the less fortunate. Imagine what could be done if each family were to bring in just one item per week!

FOUND:

A credit card and pair of glasses were found in our church over the weekend. If yours, please call the Parish Office, 904-261-3472.

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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
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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.