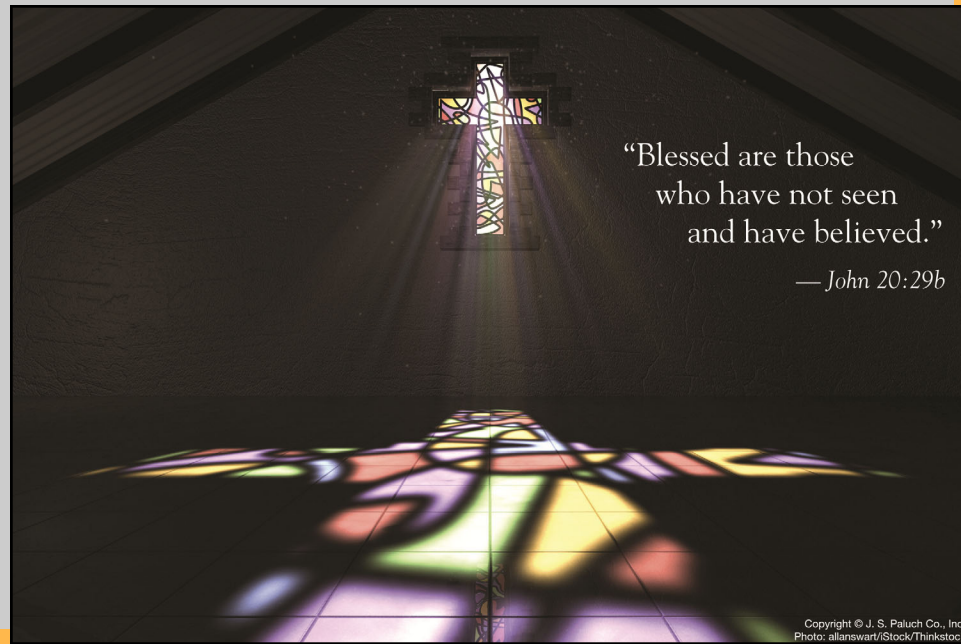


St. Michael Catholic Church

Welcome
Visitors



“Blessed are those
who have not seen
and have believed.”

— John 20:29b

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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.

Our Vision

Enhance our Worship Experience
Reach out to Members and Community
Energize and Evangelize our Parish

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A Word From Our Pastor
Fr. Jose Kallukalam

Dear brothers and sisters,

You may have noticed the difference in the look and content of our Parish Bulletin. In the light of our Renewal motto, we are starting to bring our bulletin also from good to great. We have looked at many parish bulletins and taking the good things from some of them but at the same time, wanting to be unique, we now make ours different from what it used to be. Any suggestions are most welcome.

Though after Easter, everything is likely to slow down in most parishes, we are not slowing down. All our ministries and organizations are planning newer and better programs for the parish. Details will be communicated to you soon. We want everyone to be part of all the programs in one way or another.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist had their training this last Saturday. First Holy Communion of our children will be on May 13th at 10.00 A.M. St. Michael Academy will have several of their year ending programs in the months to come. Our parish activities calendar is nearly ready. You will soon hear about some BIG events planned for the coming year. Meanwhile, I thank all of you for the generous Easter contributions and to those of you who are going back north - "Thank you and have a safe trip."

Fr. Jose Kallukalam



Financial update

Sunday, April 2th, & April 9th, 2017

Registered Families	1645
Offertory	\$21,202.25 22,878.41
On Line Giving	1,422.40 3,151.00
Children's Collection	279.00 175.50
Debt Reduction	1,360.00 1,610.00
On Line Debt Reduction	125.00 235.00
Parish Hall & Church Expansion Debt	\$1,750,000.00
Debt Reduction	\$1,485.00 1,845.00
Remaining Debt	\$1,746,670.00

Parish Spending 2017

Have you considered online giving? Did you know many parishioners regularly give gifts of stock and real estate to support St. Michael.

Contact Walt Edwards today in the Parish Office at (904)261-3472

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The origins of the custom of burning a lamp before the tabernacle are in Jewish worship, where a lamp called *ner tamid* or “eternal flame” burns before the ark in every synagogue. The ark contains the sacred scrolls of the Torah. The flame represents the menorah in the Temple, and therefore is never extinguished. In fact, the word “tabernacle” itself is derived from Hebrew, as *taber* is the Hebrew word for “tent,” and hearkens back to the forty years of wandering in the desert. The pilgrim people were sustained in hope by an awareness that God was not only in the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night, but had quite literally “pitched his tent with them” in the shelter for the Ark of the Covenant. Some artisans have used this theme of “ark” or “tent” to design a tabernacle for the Blessed Sacrament.

In Christian practice, Anglicans and Catholics use a sanctuary lamp to point toward the presence of the reserved sacrament, and Lutherans use it as a sign of God’s presence in the house of worship, but not necessarily as a clue that the Eucharist is reserved. Why, even in an age of electric light, is the sanctuary lamp an oil light or candle? Perhaps not only to point to Christ, the light of the world, but also to point to sacrifice. For the light to exist, there must be sacrifice. The oil or wax is transformed into light, just as those who pray here, or who will receive viaticum from here, are called to transformation in Christ.

A SEASON OF JOY

“They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers” (Acts 2:42). This first line of today’s first reading sets the tone as this fifty-day celebration of Easter opens before us. Today we listen to the teachings of three apostles—Luke, Peter, and John—who remind us that even though we have not seen Christ, we nonetheless are filled with joy as we place our belief in his saving death and resurrection. Each week during the Easter season we will gather as a community of faith to find strength and support from our God and from one another. Each week we will gather to break bread and offer the great prayer of thanksgiving, actions that will manifest the very presence of the risen Christ in our midst. Let us be open to the wonders of this season of joy.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading – All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (**Acts 2:42-47**).

Psalms – Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (**Psalms 118**).

Second Reading – God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven (**1 Peter 1:3-9**).

Gospel – The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (**John 20:19-31**).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8
- Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
- Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
- Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
- Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy)
- Monday: Yom Ha-Shoa (Holocaust Remembrance Day)
- Tuesday: St. Mark
- Wednesday: Administrative Professionals Day
- Friday: St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort; Arbor Day
- Saturday: St. Catherine of Siena

Coming Events

BLESSING OF THE FLEET AT SHRIMP FESTIVAL

Fr. Jose will be blessing the fleet at the annual Fernandina Beach Shrimp Festival on Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 2:00pm

CCW HIGH TEA

Mark your calendars for Saturday May 20, 2017 from 2pm - 4pm for 'High Tea'. The cost is \$5.00 per person and it will be held in the Parish Hall.

The menu will include: scones, chicken salad, crab meat in pastry and many other goodies.

A floral arrangement demonstration will be an additional event this day.

More information will be sent out to CCW members.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

Protecting God's Children class: There will be a PGC class on Monday, August 24, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the parish hall. You must register online before attending class. Register at: www.virtus.org Any person 18 or over who comes into contact with children or "vulnerable adults" must have this certification. You can the parish office for more information. 904-261-3472.

Ministry & Organization News and Announcements

Liturgy

A training session for parishioners interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist was held on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at 9:00am in the church. Several attended and met the requirements of becoming an EM at our Masses and to our shut-ins. We thank all who will be a part of this important ministry at St. Michael.

Religious Formation

First Communion Retreat: Our First Communion students and their parents will be on retreat on Saturday, April 29, 2017. Please keep them in your prayers as they get closer to receiving the Eucharist for the first time on May 13th!



Sunday April 30th ends our first year of Religious Formation on Sunday mornings. We are happy with the attendance, the classes offered and with the Catechists that taught the essentials of our Christian faith. We would like to acknowledge those Catechists: **Adult Formation** - Mary Kate Bourquin and Jake Gosa. **RCIA** - Director Celeste Amos, **Children's Liturgy of the Word** - Lisa Skorski, Kim Lannon and Peggy Fuller, **our K-7th program** - Christie Allen, Mary Lowe, Mary Potochnik, Mary Soller, Rachel Davis, Melodie Gonzales, Judy Duran, Mary Ellen Madden, Jessica Yagins. **Our Confirmation program** - Carole and Steven Lendry. We ask God's blessings upon you and thank you for your dedication.

Council of Catholic Women (CCW)

The CCW Book Club will meet in January, February, March and April 2018. The proposed books will be selected by those who attended our most recent book club discussion. As soon as the list of books are finalized, all CCW members will be notified so they will be able to begin reading and enjoying each book selection.

Liturgical Schedule (Intentions)

Saturday	5:00pm	George W. Hoobler, II by Jake & Pat Gosa
Sunday	8:00am	Parishioners
Sunday	10:00am	Margarita Matgolai by the family
Sunday	12:00	Pat Stores by Bob Stores
Monday	8:30am	Marty Ahearn by Doris Homan
Tuesday	6:00pm	Joe Reamer by Sue Riegler
Wednesday	8:30am	George Decker by Bill & Robin St. Peter
Thursday	8:30am	George Mattey by the Mattey family
Friday	8:30am	William Kaye by Bill & Robin St. Peter
Saturday	5:00pm	Tom Martin by the Martin family
Sunday	8:00am	Robert Mangold by Patrick & Suzy Sabadie
Sunday	10:00am	David Miles by Peggy Fuller
Sunday	12:00	Martha Michalik by Denise & Tony

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Lea Marie Philippe, daughter of Al & Pat Philippe and for Mike Guthrie, brother of Pat Philippe. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Eleanor Nicole Williams, sister of Mary Palmer. May their souls rest in peace.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, April 22, 2017	5:00pm Mass
Lector Schweitzer	
Ushers Lauerma, Vieser, Delaney	
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Bass, Bass, Brooke, Dexter, Sheppard, Sheppard, Walters	
Altar Servers Bradley, D. Coyle, G. Coyle	
Sunday, April 23, 2017	8:00am Mass
Lector Layman	
Ushers Moore, Miller, Lunt	
Extraordinary Ministers Balsamo, Balsamo, Cooper, Dalton, Dalton, Shripka, Shripka	
Altar Servers Ramsey, Gosnell	
	10:00am Mass
Lector Clarke	
Ushers Holmes, Schweitzer, Yeoman, Livingston	
Extraordinary Ministers Deacon Art, Caserta, Coleman, Sciarini, Tufaro, Turner, White	
Altar Servers Arato, Venerdi, Logsdon	
	12:00 Mass
Lector Light	
Ushers Clarke, Kerbert, J. Miller, P. Miller	
Extraordinary Ministers Amos, Avakian, Cantin, Stoner, Svela, Tasso, Trocino	
Altar Servers Kilburn, Evatt, Kebert	

St. Michael Academy Update



OUR PARISH IN ACTION

Fr. Jose Celebration
March 26, 2017

Some of the 'worker bees'

Bishop Felipe Este'vez
Fr. Jose and fellow priests



Parish Directory

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Deacon Art Treadwell

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Mr. Jake Gosa, Chairman

Parish Finance Council

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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.

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.

