

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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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We Celebrate in May

The month of May offers us much to celebrate. We honor Mary in special ways, often through May Crowning festivities in recognition of her role as Queen of All Saints. We'll witness the canonizations of two of the children Our Lady of Fatima appeared to: Blessed Jacinta Marto and Blessed Francisco Marto. Additionally, the Easter Season continues our 50-day celebration of the Resurrection.

The month of May is traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. May is a month of growth, when nature is reborn. This month normally belongs to the Easter season, between Easter and Pentecost. Many Catholics may be aware that May is consecrated to Mary, but it may be unclear why this month was selected for this particular distinction. Other months have more important feasts dedicated to Our Lady, such as August (Feast of the Assumption) and December (Feast of the Immaculate Conception). What is it about this month that makes it a fitting time to reflect on the Virgin Mary's role in salvation and to honor her as the Mother of God?

The tradition of dedicating the month of May to Our Lady is centuries old, dating back at least 700 years. Blessed Pope Paul VI wrote an encyclical on the month of May, focusing on the Virgin Mary. He wrote that the piety of the faithful has long dedicated the month of May to the Mother of God. He stated in his encyclical, Mense Maio.



Financial Update

Sunday, April 16, 2017 & April 23, 2017

Registered Families	1645
Offertory (includes Easter)	\$37,796.85 18,406.96
On Line Giving	\$1,714.00 1,599.00
Children's Collection	\$83.00
Debt Reduction	\$690.00 171.00
On Line Debt Reduction	\$425.00 135.00
Parish Hall & Church Expansion Debt	
	\$1,746,670.00
Debt Reduction	\$1,115.00 306.00
Remaining Debt	\$1,745,249.00

The **SECOND COLLECTION** next weekend May 6th & 7th, will be for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

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

Faith and Tradition

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Some monks and nuns trace their community origins back a thousand years or so, before it became customary to reserve the Blessed Sacrament in tabernacles. In their rules of life, which evolved from the lifestyle and prayer of their predecessors, the core experience of Christ's presence is at the altar itself, and in the symbol of assembly for prayer. To this day, when the monks or nuns file into their church in procession, they march two by two, and then bow profoundly to the altar before turning and bowing in reverence toward the brother or sister at their side. It is probably more difficult, in practice, to revere the presence of Christ in a person who irks you by taking the car keys, shirking a work duty, or burning the toast!

We can trace in these religious orders' enduring customs the ancient appreciation for the altar as the center of the church building, and of the community of the faithful as the Body of Christ. Usually, a monastery today will reserve the Blessed Sacrament in some quiet corner of the monastic church, in a fairly small space, more suitable for private prayer than for the gathering of the whole community. In a cloister, the architecture may allow the public limited access to this space. Liturgical law tells us, in both monasteries and parish churches, that there is no need for more than a few hosts in the place of reservation, just enough for viaticum, the "food for the journey" that is the final sacramental celebration for a dying Christian.

ON THE ROAD

One central metaphor employed to describe the Christian life is a journey. In today's second reading, Peter addresses the early Christian community: "**Conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning**" (1 Peter 1:17). When we think of a journey, we normally think of some kind of movement from point A to point B. The Christian journey, begun in the waters of baptism (point A) has as its ultimate destination eternal life with God in heaven (point B). Unfortunately we find ourselves on all kinds of detours along the way. Because of sin, we make foolish turns and sometimes seem unable to detect the presence of the Lord. Today's story of the two disciples on their way to Emmaus illustrates for us the fact that, even when we are dejected or on one of our many detours, the Lord is there, walking right beside us.

Daily Readings

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading – God has raised the crucified Jesus, who now pours forth the Holy Spirit upon us (Acts 2:14, 22-33).

Psalm – Lord, you will show us the path of life (Psalm 16).

Second Reading – Our faith and hope are in God who raised Jesus from the dead (1 Peter 1:17-21).

Gospel – Through his words and in the breaking of the bread, the risen Christ made himself known to two disciples on their way to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30;
Jn 6:22-29 or, for the memorial, Gn 1:26 – 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
- Tuesday: Acts 7:51 – 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
- Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20;
Jn 6:44-51
- Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
- Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter
Monday: St. Joseph the Worker
Tuesday: St. Athanasius
Wednesday: Ss. Philip and James
Thursday: National Day of Prayer
Friday: First Friday; Cinco de Mayo
Saturday: First Saturday

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

ST. MICHAEL ACADEMY

SAVE THE DATE

St. Michael Academy
Wine and Whiskey Tasting

Friday, September 29, 2017

Walkers Landing at Amelia Island

Plantation

More information to follow



A LUNCHEON INVITATION TO OUR RCIA "GRADUATES," SPONSORS, & CATECHISTS

If you have journeyed through the RCIA process as a catechumen, candidate, sponsor, or catechist, plan on joining us for our reunion luncheon soon. We will welcome our newest Catholics Kris Bailey, Alana Baylon, Beckie Bliss, and Susan Dodge. Time and date to be determined

Celeste Amos

Ministry & Organization News and Announcements

RCIA Thanks Our Lay Organizations

The RCIA Ministry would like to acknowledge and thank our CCW, Knights of Columbus and Men's Club for their support this year. Their members assisted with our Rite of Welcoming/Acceptance reception and provided spiritual material for the class. Through the generosity of these organizations, each of our newest Catholics received a personalized leather bible and a prayer book as a gift to welcome them to our faith.



Council of Catholic Women (CCW)

The May General Meeting for the CCW (Council of Catholic Women) will be held on Monday, May 8th. We welcome you to join us in the Parish Hall with light refreshments beginning at 6:30 PM, followed by the one hour business meeting which begins at 7:00 PM. Come pray with us, meet new women of the Parish as well as reconnect with old friends. All Catholic women are invited especially visitors, friends and part-time residents.

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.

St. Michael Men's Club (SMMC)

The meeting for the SMMC will be Monday, May 1, 2017. We welcome you to join us in the Parish Hall at 7pm for our general meeting followed by a social that includes sandwiches or pizza and drinks. All men are invited to come pray with us and meet the Men of SMMC.

Liturgical Schedule (Intentions)

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
Monday	8:30am	Tina Shurman by Mary Berger
Tuesday	6:00pm	John Fischer by Peggy Fuller
Wednesday	8:30am	Barbara Schoell by The Lunch Bunch
Thursday	8:30am	Barbara Schoell by Dick & Jane McCormick
Friday	8:30am	Allyson Syglowski by Jerry & Marcia Grubesky
Saturday	5:00pm	Bill Lauerman by St. Michael Visitation Ministry
Sunday	8:00	Parishioners of St. Michael
Sunday	10:00	Anne & Andy Hammer by the Hammer family
Sunday	12:00	Gloria Goodell by the Goodell family

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary 'Jill' Carmody, Oscar Luis Fuentes, Norma Lavern Potochnik, mother of Bobby Potochnik, David Mudd, Sr., and Mandy Stoffa. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, April 29, 2017 **5:00pm Mass**
Lector
MacDonell

Ushers
Warner, Kerr, Bender

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
J. Elwell, M. Elwell, Hayden, M.M. Krohn, D. Krohn, Lucey, Pulsinelli

Altar Servers
Wright, Lucey, Biagini

Sunday, April 30, 2017 **8:00am Mass**
Lector
Freeman

Ushers
Moore, Miller, Lunt

Extraordinary Ministers
Dean, Eby, Grubesky, Harbin, Hippler, Kreger, McGowan

Altar Servers
Ramsey, Velazquez

Lector **10:00am Mass**
McGowan

Ushers
Moore, Miller, Lunt

Extraordinary Ministers
Anderson, Avakian, Cantin, Fuller, P. Gosnell, V. Gosnell, Melissa Howard

Altar Servers
Bogush family

Lector **12:00 Mass**
Stoffel

Ushers
Clarke, Kebert, J. Miller, P. Miller

Extraordinary Ministers
Deacon Art, C. Lendry, S. Lendry, Maddox, Mason, Potochnik, Sciarini

Altar Servers
Von Mohr family

Welcome to our newest Catholics!
Easter Vigil Mass, 2017



Donna Walters, Marie Billings (sponsors)
Kris Bailey, Alana Baylor, Fr. Jose, Susan Dodge
Donna Runyan (sponsor)

OUR PARISH IN ACTION

EASTER DINNER AT ST. MICHAEL HALL – 2017 WORKERS AND GUESTS



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 Formation

Walt Edwards, Business Manager

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Denise Ziegler, Director of Music

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St. Michael Academy

Dr. Chris Hampton, Principal

Academy Website Address

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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.