

Christmas 2023



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This Week at St. Michael

| | Sacred Liturgy | |
|---|---|--|
| Sunday, December 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent | 6:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration 7:30 AM Holy Mass – Carla Westover 9:00 AM Holy Mass – For the People 11:00 AM Holy Mass (Spanish) – Priest Intention | 8:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal: G-Hall |
| Christmas Eve | 4:30 PM Holy Mass (English) – For The People 8:00 PM Holy Mass (Spanish) – Priest Intention 11:00 PM Holy Mass (English) – Bishop Peter J. Jugis | |
| Monday, December 25 <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i> | 9:00 AM Holy Mass – Fr. Lucas C. Rossi | PARISH OFFICES CLOSED |
| Tuesday, December 26 <i>St. Stephen</i> | 6:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration 8:00 AM Holy Mass – Staff of St. Michael Catholic Church Confessions following Mass | PARISH OFFICES CLOSED 7:00 PM K/C Council 6700 Officers' Mtg: PC |
| Wednesday, December 27 <i>St. John</i> | 4:45 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00 PM Holy Mass – † Gilma Micheli Confessions following Mass | 6:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal: G-Hall 7:00 PM Charismatic Prayer Mtg.: SMCS 7:30 PM Spanish Choir Practice: Ch |
| Thursday, December 28 <i>The Holy Innocents</i> | 6:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration 8:00 AM Holy Mass – Brianna Tappe Confessions following Mass | 7:00 PM Spanish Ministry Mtg: G-Hall |
| Friday, December 29 <i>St. Thomas Becket</i> | 6:00 AM – 4:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration 8:00 AM Holy Mass – Faculty & Staff of St. Michael Catholic School Confessions following Mass | 9:00 AM Directory Pictures: G-Hall 7:00 PM Spanish Youth Group: G-Hall |
| Saturday, December 30 | 8:30 AM Holy Mass – Jennifer Crawley Confessions following Mass 4:30 PM Holy Mass – Leona Desch | 10:00 AM Directory Pictures: G-Hall 7:00 PM AA: G-Hall |
| Sunday, December 31 | 6:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration 7:30 AM Holy Mass – For the People 9:00 AM Holy Mass – Mark Ruocco & Family 11:00 AM Holy Mass (Spanish) – Priest Intention | 8:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal: G-Hall |

Please Remember in your Prayers

Fr. James Ebright, Sister Mary Olivia Shirley, Anna Ashworth, Janet Atherton, Karen Bailey, Joe Bell, Tim Biddix, Susan Bormann, Alice Broome, Kristy (Brown) Boes, Mark Carswell, Eneida Ceballos, Lori Charalidis, Steven Cherry, Philip Cherry, Jennifer Crawley, Leona Desch, Betty Dow, Gail Driscoll, Glenda Downey, Michael Durkee, Greg Edel, Nicholas Escandón, Jill Faille, Files Family, Charlie Gallagher, Aleyda Gómez, Rob Grossman, Helen Hamacher, Cathy Hodgkiss, Judy Horton, Glenda and Brenda Jolly, Briceida Juya, Kit Kakassy, Jeffrey Kaldah, Tom Keigher, Debbie Kerpsie, Arabella Kober, Kristi Krumpas, Lennart Kullberg, Dick & Kay Landry, Joann & Norman Loughmiller, Jeff Lugo, Maureen Lupton, Sierra McAlister, Doris McFee, Tere Manjarrez, Rita Mascarenhas, Micheli Family, Ewa Milewski, Wayne & Gloria Moore, John Moore, Linda and Lisa Morlacci, Munson Family, Mary A Murray, Elisa Ogle, Kathy Olijnyk, Mary & Myrna Packard, C. Pasour, David Peace, H. Pichardo, Michael Potuto, Queen Family, Ivo Raimundo, M Rebolledo Cynthia Roper, Sue Ruocco, Juan Salgado, Bill & Jim Saluke, Roger Shepard, Bette Shirley, Bob Stauss, James Michael Stoute, Brianna Tappe, Randy & Rhonda Thomason, Tinsdale Family, Orlando Torres, Chiplon Watson, Rick Webster, Liliana Wenger, Christian West, Priscilla Williams, Willis Family, Joyce Ziolkowski

For all in service to our country:

Michael P. Bernard, Jr., Derrick Dobbins, Andrew and Joseph Chase, Josh Helton, Zach Kiefaber, Christopher Sean O'Daly, Payton Powell, Thomas Terrio, Stefan Zapata

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

MONDAYS,
TUESDAYS,
THURSDAYS
& FRIDAYS
FOLLOWING
8 AM MASS

WEDNESDAYS
FOLLOWING
6 PM MASS

SATURDAYS
FOLLOWING
8:30 AM MASS



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

4:30 PM (ENGLISH)
8:00 PM (SPANISH)
11:00 PM (ENGLISH)

DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

9:00 AM (ENGLISH)



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9:00 AM (ENGLISH)

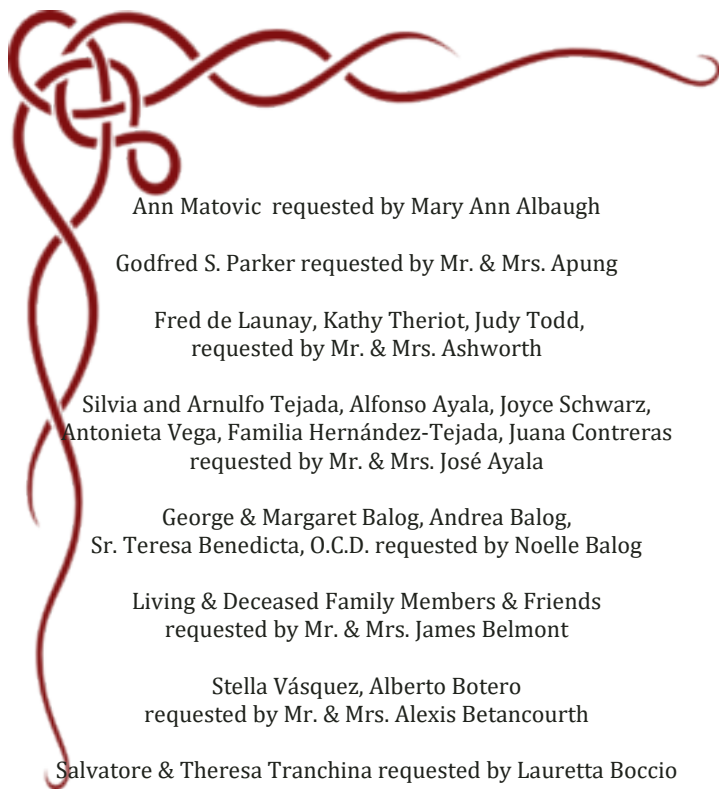


Lectors of the Word December 23~24 2023 Fourth Sunday of Advent

| | |
|---------|----------------------------------|
| 4:30 PM | Ed Chase / Sue Neerincx |
| 7:30 AM | Johanna Pichardo / Bob Cinq-Mars |
| 9:00 AM | John Lee/ Gina Lee |

Lectors of the Word December 24~25 2023 Christmas Eve Christmas Day

Please refer to the Sign-Up Sheet in the Narthex
or contact Ellen Roberts at 704.616.3325



Christmas Flower Memorials

In Memory or In Honor of

Ann Matovic requested by Mary Ann Albaugh

Godfred S. Parker requested by Mr. & Mrs. Apung

Fred de Launay, Kathy Theriot, Judy Todd,
requested by Mr. & Mrs. Ashworth

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Antonieta Vega, Familia Hernández-Tejada, Juana Contreras
requested by Mr. & Mrs. José Ayala

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Sr. Teresa Benedicta, O.C.D. requested by Noelle Balog

Living & Deceased Family Members & Friends
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requested by Mr. & Mrs. Alexis Betancourth

Salvatore & Theresa Tranchina requested by Laretta Boccio

Monte Burleson requested by Marie Burleson

Betty Dow , Deceased Family & Friends,
requested by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Burr

Larry Carpenter requested by Mrs. Donna Carpenter

Steven Chidester requested by Donna Chidester

Patty Cupp requested by Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Humphrey

William & Anne Clark requested by Margaret Clark

Redentur Estrada, Chloe, requested by Judy Culbertson

Nick & Mildred Caruso, Bea Hurst, Lee Dobbs,
Deceased Members of the Dobbs/Caruso Family
requested by Mr. & Mrs. John Dobbs

Fran & Ed Driscoll, Mary & Andy Ryan, Marie & Ben Corriveau,
Paul Corriveau requested by Stephen & Diane Driscoll

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requested by Paulette Elmore

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Stephen Murray & Family, Tony & Jean, Martin DiLorenzo & Family,
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requested by Mrs. Maryann Murray

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Our Children & Grandchildren requested by Mr. & Mrs. John O'Daly

Sarah & Thomas O'Keefe requested by Ms. Maureen O'Keefe

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*Dear Friends: Thank you all for your generous donations. Every effort has been made to enter your intentions correctly.
We apologize for any errors made reading the many styles of handwriting.*

Feast of the Holy Innocents December 28



“The Massacre of the Holy Innocents”
~Peter Paul Rubens (1612)

The Holy Innocents are the young male children from Bethlehem and its vicinity at the time of the birth of Jesus, who were put to death by King Herod the Great. Herod ordered their death after the Magi, who came from the East to pay homage to the child Jesus, left without giving Herod news about “the newborn king of the Jews.” This slaughter is recounted in the second chapter of Matthew’s Gospel but is not mentioned in other sources, such as the writings of the Jewish historian Flavius Josephus. Estimates of the number of infants killed range from 10-12, based on the likely population of Bethlehem at the time of Christ’s birth, to 64,000, a fantastic figure cited in the Syrian liturgy. This feast has been celebrated in the West since the fifth century. The Holy Innocents are the patrons of children, babies, and foundlings.

Parish Pictorial Directory—Please assist our parish by having your family photographed for our next church pictorial directory. There will be no cost obligations involved, although there will be purchase options, and the photography will run from December 2023 until we finish. To sign up, please scan the QR code on the right. Pictures will be taken in the Guadalupe Hall.



St. Michael's Catholic Church

Weekly Financial Report

December 4th-December 10th

| | Weekly | Current | Month to Date | Month to Date | Year to Date | Year to Date |
|----------------|----------|---------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Budget | Week | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual |
| Masses | \$11,063 | \$8,446 | \$22,126 | \$20,560 | \$265,512 | \$237,626 |
| Online Giving | \$6,380 | \$9,206 | \$12,760 | \$15,432 | \$155,946 | \$147,892 |
| Miscellaneous | \$1,323 | \$3,140 | \$2,646 | \$6,947 | \$33,569 | \$46,932 |
| Debt Reduction | \$3,427 | \$1,075 | \$6,854 | \$3,743 | \$79,896 | \$43,728 |

Church & School Loan

Priest Retirement Campaign

| Loan Amount | Amount Paid | Balance | Goal | Total Rec'd | Amt. Needed |
|-------------|-------------|-----------|----------|-------------|-------------|
| \$320,601 | \$48,000 | \$272,601 | \$27,003 | \$20,598 | \$6,405 |

Annual DSA Giving Report

| Amount | Pledge | Paid+Pledge | Annual | Over | Number of | % of Goal |
|----------|---------|-------------|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Paid | Balance | Balance | Goal | (Under) | Donors | Reached |
| \$78,818 | \$431 | \$79,250 | \$94,117 | (\$14,867) | 131 | 84% |

Mass Attendance

| | Dec. 2nd&3rd | Dec. 9th&10th | Dec. 16th&17th | Dec. 23rd&24th | Dec. 30th&31st | Avg. Attendance |
|---------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 4:30 Mass | 112 | 123 | | | | 118 |
| 7:30 Mass | 189 | 175 | | | | 182 |
| 9:00 Mass | 443 | 389 | | | | 416 |
| 11:00 Mass | 758 | 610 | | | | 684 |
| TOTALS | 1502 | 1297 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1400 |

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Please contact Deacon William Melton at 704.862.8982

MARRIAGE TRIBUNAL ADVOCATE

Please contact Kim Cobb at cobbadvocacy@gmail.com

DEVOTIONS

First Fridays

(For Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus)

8:00 PM Thursday – 8:00 AM Friday:

Nocturnal Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Saturdays

(For Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary)

8:00 AM Public Rosary

8:30 AM Holy Mass

9:10 AM 15-minute meditation

Confessions following

Every Friday 6 AM - 4 PM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle.

Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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