

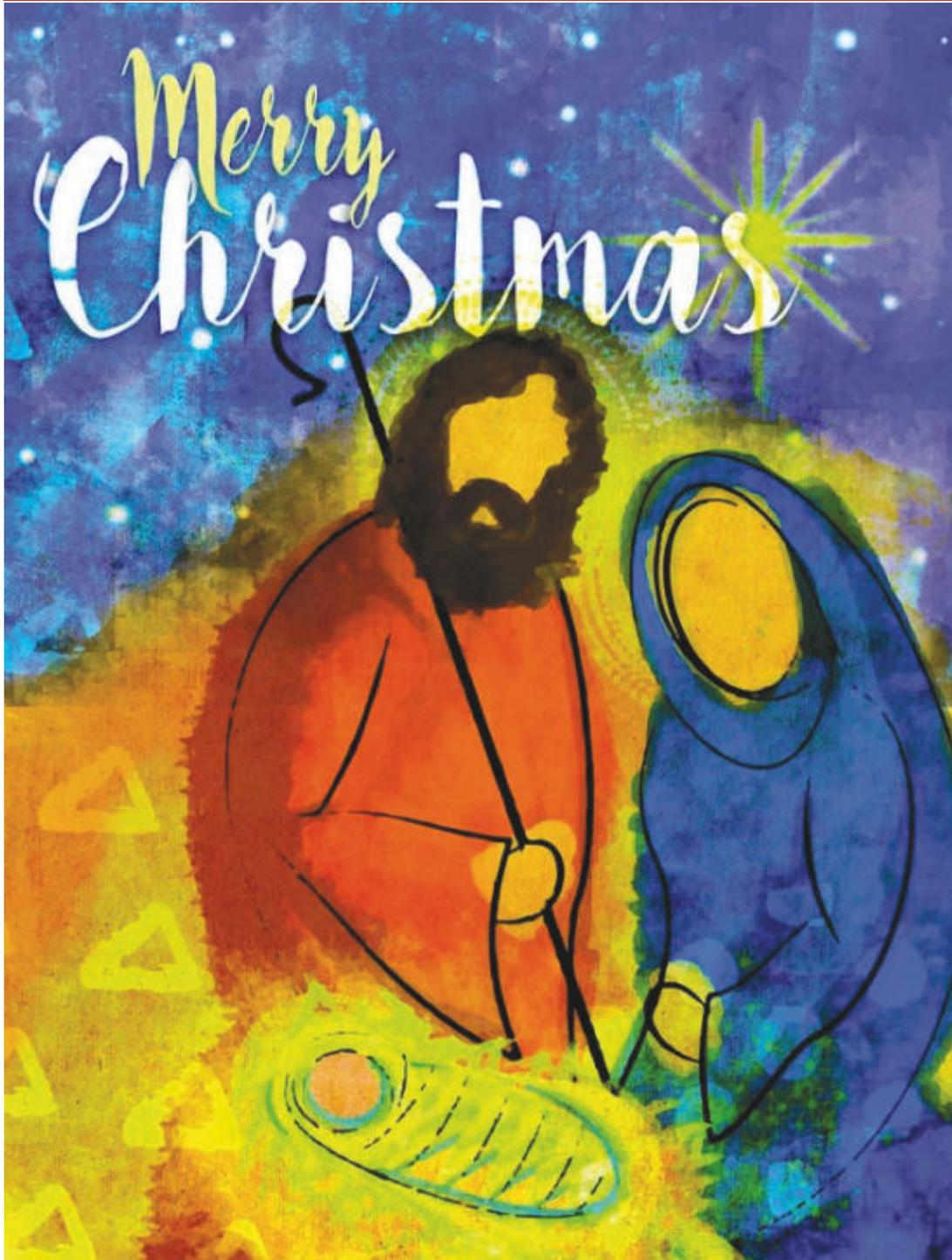


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WEEKLY BULLETIN

**Sunday,
December 26, 2021**



MASS TIMES

Daily Mass
Monday-Friday
9:00 am

Saturday Vigil Mass
4:00 pm

Sunday Masses
8:00 am & 10:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday
3:00 pm—3:30 pm

ADORATION

Tuesday
9:30 am—3:00 pm
Livestreamed

HOLY ROSARY

Monday-Friday
9:30 am

Thursday
Livestreamed

CHURCH HOURS

Monday-Thursday
8:00 am—4:00 pm

Friday
8:00 am—Noon

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday
8:00 am—4:00 pm

Friday
8:00 am—Noon

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FROM OUR PASTOR

Welcome to St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church on beautiful Siesta Key!

Whether you are a full-time parishioner, seasonal resident, or just visiting us for a short time, you are very welcome to our glorious faith community.

St. Michael's parish has been serving the Siesta Key community for over 60 years. What started as a Mission Church serving just 40 local Catholic families has grown exponentially over the decades. This growth correlates to Siesta Key's rise in popularity as a tourist destination due to its consistent ranking as one of the top beaches in the nation.

Today an estimated 400,000 Catholics visit Siesta Key each year, and our parish is now ministering to the faithful from all over the world. We have also become a popular place for not only "Destination Weddings" but also "Destination Baptisms", and other family events.

Feel free to visit our website for more information on our parish ([stmichaelsiesta.com](#)), download our mobile app (instructions on website), follow us on social media or view our Masses via Live Stream through our YouTube channel.

We are blessed to have you with us.

Fr. Michael

Fr. Michael Cannon

Pastor





DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

December 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Diocese of Venice in Florida has been blessed with dedicated Priests and Religious, and together we pray for the Lord to continue to send holy workers for His vineyard. With this letter, I once again kindly invite you to support the Diocese's efforts to provide for the Seminary Formation and discernment of those called to the Priesthood.

Each year, the Annual Seminary Collection plays an important role in providing the funds needed to assist the Diocese's seminarians with tuition, room and board, health care, transportation, and other expenses. Funding from the Collection also helps in the recruitment of potential seminarians. By means of your generous donations and steadfast spiritual support, you journey together on the path of Faith with the future Priests of the Diocese.

Parishes in the Diocese of Venice will hold the Annual Seminary Collection at the Vigil Masses on January 1 and Sunday Masses on January 2, 2022. Thank you for your continuing support for the Seminary Formation and discernment of Diocesan Seminarians, and for your prayers for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

I take this opportunity to extend to each of you the assurances of my prayers for the New Year. Have a Blessed and Healthy New Year!

Gratefully yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of
Venice in Florida

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.— Luke 2:8-14

MERRY
Christmas



**Wishing everyone
a most blessed
Nativity of the Lord!**



Father Michael
& Oscar (Santa Paws)

Holiday Liturgy Schedule

Christmas Eve

Christmas Pageant—3:30 pm

Christmas Eve Mass—4:00 pm

Christmas Carol Concert—6:30 pm

Christmas Eve Mass—7:00 pm

Christmas Day

Christmas Masses—8:00 am & 10:00 am

(No 4:00 pm Vigil Mass)

New Year's Eve

Friday, December 31, 2021—9:00 am

New Year's Day

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Saturday, January 1, 2021—9:00 am

(No 4:00 pm Vigil Mass)

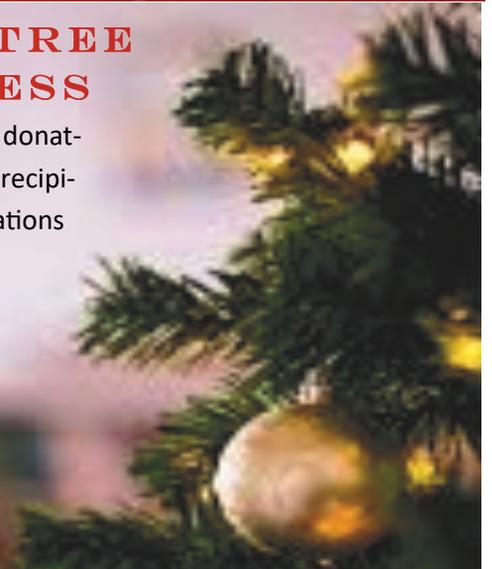
All will be Livestreamed—Visit our Website at StMichaelsSiesta.com for Link

A special thank you to our wonderful staff and volunteers for the godly work they do year-round at our parish. Through this challenging time of renovation and renewal, we appreciate their dedication more than ever. Thank you all for your commitment and support! ❤️

2021 GIVING TREE A BIG SUCCESS

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Please be aware that in observance of the Christmas holiday, the parish office will close at Noon on December 23rd and remain closed through December 27th. The office will reopen again at 8:00 am on December 28th. Merry Christmas!!!



BRIDGE CLUB

There will be no Bridge Club on December 30th. Bridge Club will resume on January 6th. The club normally meets every Thursday at 1pm under the tent. If you would like to play bridge or would like more information, please contact Rose Marie Hochendoner at 941-346-2853.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO PROTECT US AND KEEP US SAFE

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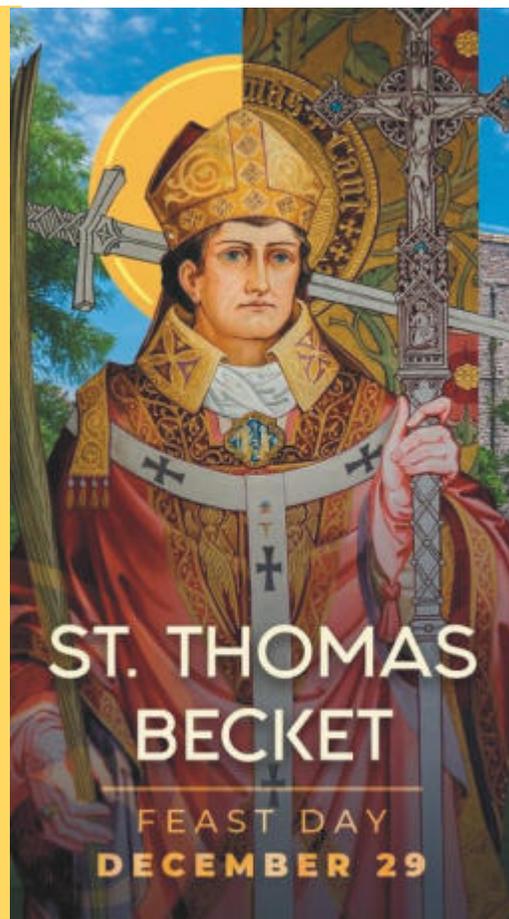
Call the Parish Office to add a loved one to this Military and First Responder Prayer List.

S A I N T S C O R N E R

Not many saints can be relatable to our times, but St. Thomas Becket (December 21, 1118 – December 29, 1170) is one of the few. King Henry II, a good friend, made him chancellor of England at the age of 36. Then, despite St. Thomas Becket warning the king that he would not blindly follow his wishes, he was appointed Archbishop of Canterbury in 1162.

Soon after, King Henry insisted upon seizing Church rights. In the name of peace, St. Thomas Becket came close to a compromise, and momentarily approved the Constitutions of Clarendon, which would have denied the clergy the right of trial by a Church court. But he later rejected this, and for his safety fled to France where he remained in exile for seven years.

Although returning to England meant almost certain death, St. Thomas Becket came back. According to historical accounts, King Henry implored, “Who will free me from this troublesome priest!” St. Thomas Becket was later murdered by four knights in his Canterbury Cathedral as he was praying. For his part in the murder, King Henry performed public penance after St. Thomas Becket’s canonization.

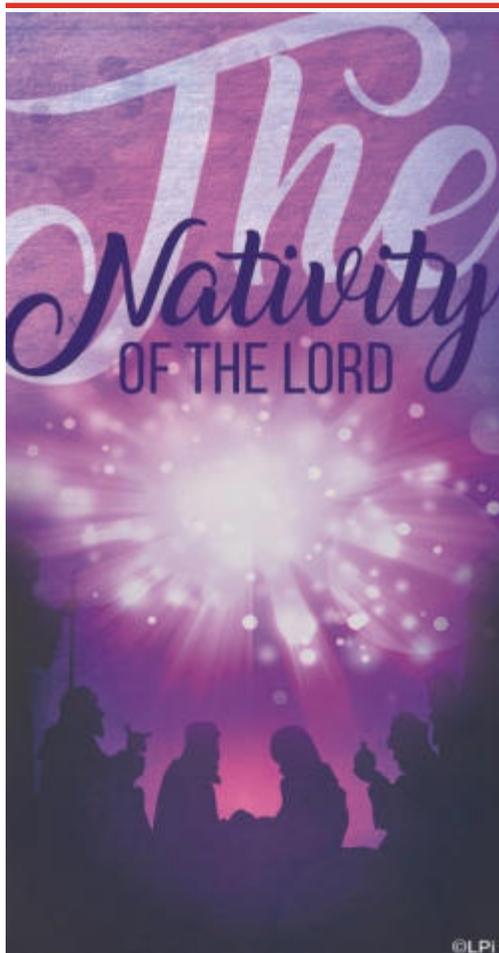


But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.—Matthew 1:20-25



The Respect Life Ministry led by Bill and Sandy Palmer would like to thank all those who participated in the 40 Days for Life events. The gift cards collected totaled \$1,070. Thank you for your generosity and your commitment to this life-saving mission.

The next campaign runs from March 2 to April 10.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

“He so loved us that for our sake He was made man in time, through Whom all times were made; was in the world less in years than His servants, though older than the world itself in His eternity; was made man, Who made man; was created of a mother, whom He created; was carried by hands which He formed; nursed at the breasts which He had filled; cried in the manger in wordless infancy, He the Word without Whom all human eloquence is mute (St. Augustine, Sermon 188).” The miracle of what happens at Christmas is truly an awesome mystery. Revealed in the silent ordinariness of life is God’s intimate love for humanity and all that he made. The Word, existing for all time, comes and dwells among us. God kisses us. We can seek and soar with playful delight as a joy never known before fills our heart.

Joy is best expressed through dance. There is just something truly wonderful about the self-abandon a beautiful melodic dance reveals. If we are able to let go and really be free, it celebrates life in a way few other experiences really can. With the birth of Jesus Christ, God takes the Divine Dance to a deeper and more tangible level. We can now not only see what we believe but believe what we see! This most perfect dance is a call to beauty, innocence, truth, purpose, hope, faith, and love. Today we know, beyond doubt, that we are a necessary part of God’s beautifully choreographed masterpiece of life and not just a random happening without real intent or purpose. We are loved, treasured, and blessed.

Accepting the truth of God’s birth in time we also accept an invitation to dance with God. We can let go of what tethers us to anxious concerns and superficial securities. Throw caution to the wind and go with God. We have been blessed with talents, gifts, and life eternal. Follow the rhythm of the dance with joy and listen to what the Word who became flesh tells us about what the next steps can be. Today, heaven remains the same, but earth has been profoundly changed.

STEWARDSHIP TIES



There is a lot of imagery around Christmas that has to do with adoption — or, more specifically, with a child being loved by another as if they belonged to that person and loved in such a profound way that in time, they do come to belong to that person.

We see this with Joseph and the infant Jesus. Joseph is not Jesus' biological father. But through a series of actions, and through his faithfulness in small, everyday matters, Joseph becomes the foster father of Jesus.

Perhaps we are parents who have adopted children, or we ourselves were adopted. We have also seen how, through a series of actions of love and sacrifice, someone

can become the parent of a person who is not their "blood." A lot of times these families celebrate the day of the adoption. I've heard it called a "gotcha day," and it's marked joyously, like a birthday.

Most of us are not descended from the Israelites, God's Chosen People. But through a series of extraordinary actions of love and sacrifice, God has made Himself our parent, too. And through our own actions, and through faithfulness in small and everyday matters, we are His children.

But in this family, instead of blood ties, we have stewardship ties. It's not about who we look like, it's about how we treat one another. How we take care of one another.

So this Christmas, let's think about how we will celebrate our adoption. As much as it is Jesus' birthday, it's also our "gotcha day" — the day we received the gift of eternal family.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



What are the principles that guide decision-making and social morality?

There are seven principals of Catholic social teaching that guide our sense of social morality. These seven key points are the hallmarks of a just society, moral laws, and good leadership. They help shape our social "conscience" and lead us to choose those things that characterize social justice. They are 1) respect for the life and dignity of the human person; 2) call to family, community, and participation; 3) rights and responsibilities; 4) a preferential option for the poor; 5) the dignity of work and the rights of workers; 6) solidarity; and 7) care for God's creation.

Catholic social teaching has had a great influence in our history and continues to guide us well. We must value every person in all walks of life, but especially those who are weak, vulnerable, and least able to defend themselves. We cannot justify the ends with the means, so no life can ever be sacrificed for the sake of another. The basic necessities of life cannot be denied someone: food, shelter, clothing, and medical care. We can and must find ways to put into



practice the Gospel values we preach and proclaim, so that all people can know and experience God's love for them. That might be the greatest principle of all.

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READINGS, OBSERVANCES AND INTENTIONS

<u>Monday, December 27</u>	1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8 <i>St. John, Apostle and Evangelist</i> + William Drennan by Nadine Pazder Michael Coliare by Parents
9:00am	
<u>Tuesday, December 28</u>	1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18 <i>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i> + Rod, III by Eileen Kuffel + Marianne Emberton
9:00am	
<u>Wednesday, December 29</u>	1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35 <i>St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr</i> + Mary Crimmins by Eileen Kuffel + Dawn Cichoski by Mom & Dad
9:00am	
<u>Thursday, December 30</u>	1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40 + Arthur Petrie by Margaret + Donna Lenhardt by Brenda Higgins
9:00am	
<u>Friday, December 31</u>	1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18 <i>St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve</i> + Jayne McCann by Joe McCann + Belinda (Bebe) Brown by Diana Flannery
9:00am	
<u>Saturday, January 1</u>	Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21 <i>New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace</i> + Ted Peterman by Jim & Mary Paul + John James Devammer by Jim & Mary Paul
9:00am	
<u>Sunday, January 2</u>	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 <i>The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church</i> + John & Josie Bonelli by Maryann & Barbara + Rod Green, Jr. by Eileen Kuffel St. Michael's Parishioners
8:00am	
10:00am	



The Sanctuary Candle this week is in honor of
St. Michael's Parishioners

The Flowers this week are in honor of
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Mass Celebrants (subject to change)

Sat. Jan. 1, 9:00am: Fr. Greg Nevlud
Sun. Jan. 2, 8:00am: Fr. Mike Guarino
Sun. Jan. 2, 10:00am: Fr. Michael Cannon

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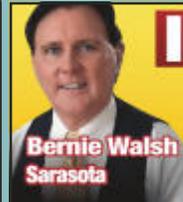
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