

*“I urge you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship.” Rm 12:1*

Out of respect for Our Lord Jesus Christ and for the edification of our neighbor, we beg all to appear in Church decent in deportment and modest in dress.

However, no one has the right to question others, especially visitors. It belongs to the parish priest alone to instruct the laity when they repeatedly dress or deport below expectation.

**For gentlemen and lads:** Neither shorts, T-shirts nor sneakers meet the norms of modesty.

**For ladies and girls:** Neither shorts, slacks, sleeveless, short nor low-cut dresses meet the norms of modesty. Furthermore, according to apostolic custom or Church law, gentlemen are bare-headed in church, and ladies are requested to cover their heads.

**Thank you for your charity.**

**Mass Times and Feasts From  
Sept 15<sup>th</sup> – Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Date	Time	Devotion	Feast Day
Sunday, 15 <sup>th</sup>	7:30am 10:00am 4:00pm	Low Mass High Mass Low Mass	<b>The Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary XVII Sunday after Pentecost</b>
Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup>	-	-	<b>Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian</b> <i>Pope (St. Cornelius), Bishop (St. Cyprian) Martyrs</i>
Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup>	-	-	<b>Feria / Stigmata of St. Francis</b>
Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	Our Lady of Pompeii Devotions	<b>Ember Wednesday of September</b>
Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup>	-	-	<b>St. Januarius and Companions</b> <i>Bishop (St. Januarius) and Martyrs (all)</i>
Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm 6:00pm	Confessions Low Mass	<b>Ember Friday of September</b>
Saturday, 21 <sup>st</sup>	8:00am 9:00am	Confessions Low Mass	<b>St. Matthew, Ember Saturday</b> <i>Apostle and Evangelist</i>
Sunday, 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7:30am 10:00am 4:00pm	Low Mass High Mass Low Mass	<b>XVIII Sunday after Pentecost</b>
Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup>	-	-	<b>St. Linus</b> <i>Pope and Martyr</i>

# ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CHURCH

## THE SOCIETY OF SAINT PIUS X

**September 15th XVII Sunday after Pentecost**



### **Gregorian Latin liturgy**

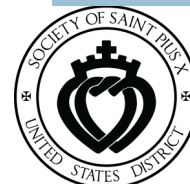
Until 1969, the various Catholic liturgies were all of apostolic origin. The Gregorian Latin liturgy, celebrated in this church, follows the tradition of Saint Peter, the first Pope, and has never undergone any essential change till the present time. Every gesture, every word has been weighed and measured with the assistance of the Holy Ghost for the greatest glory of God and the salvation of souls.

### **Welcome, Visitors!**

We thank you for coming. Whether you are just visiting us for a brief time, looking for a spiritual home, are returning to the practice of Catholic faith or are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church; we are happy to have you here, as you are. Please take time to read this bulletin, to meet with the priest after Mass and to socialize.

### **Hospitality**

*“Let the charity of the brotherhood abide in you and hospitality do not forget; for by this some, being not aware of it, have entertained angels.” (Heb. 13, 1-2) “Wherefore receive one another, as Christ also hath received you unto the honor of God.” (Rom. 15, 7)*



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**Fr. Christopher Leith FSSPX- Chaplain**

# News and Announcements

**Fr. Leith Welcome Celebration Today:** Please join us after the 10 am Mass to welcome Fr. Leith and celebrate his birthday.


**Birth Announcement:** Please join us in congratulating John and Adeliz Schulten they welcome their son John Edward Schulten, Jr. born September 7th. Blessed be God.

**Confirmations:** We are taking a count of people who need to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2025. **Please sign up today after each Mass today.**

**Priory Collection:** Today a second collection is taken up for the Priory in Sanford. Please make checks out to St. Michael the Archangel.


**Feast of St. Michael the Archangel:** Sunday, September 29th: We will celebrate our 7th Annual Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, patron of our church.

**Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Consecration:** The consecration of our West Palm Beach Church has been postponed indefinitely.



**Pompeii Rising  
Rosary Crusade**

Rosary's offered this month will be reported here. Enlist your children at [PompeiiRising.org/CRUSADE](http://PompeiiRising.org/CRUSADE)



Please visit our renovation website [PompeiiRising.org](http://PompeiiRising.org) for tax deductible ways to donate and updates. QR Code:



### Please pray for the faithful departed of St. Michael's

Louis Selthoffer, Teresa Courtney, Joe Courtney, Mary Newland, Jim O'Brien, Mac Mruz, Ruth Mruz, Elizabeth Coughlin, Bill Crowley, Harry Nevin, Angela Berger, Terry Rice, Lucille Nichols, Sally Grounds, Brady Brower, Fern Brower, Russel Bucca, Mamie Bucca, Kenneth Hollis, Ila Jo Hollis, Jeffery Smith, Coburn Walker, Lillian Walker, David Walker, June Roberts, Philip Graham, George Spositi, Roy Hatten, Eric Webber, Neil Ortagus, Stephanie Lorenzana, Asuncion Salazar Mella, Patricia Hays, Wilma Allen, Jerry Nichols, Marty Kelly, Joseph O'Meara, Joan Piperno, AnnaMaria Sicuranza, Jim Nichols.

*"The LORD is in his Holy Temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him." (Hab. 2, 20)*



## On the Love of God

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart." MATT. xxii. 37  
SERMONS OF ST. ALPHONSUS

"But one thing is necessary." (Luke x. 42.) It is not necessary to acquire riches, nor to obtain dignities, nor to gain a great name. The only thing necessary is to love God. Whatever is not done for the love of God is lost. This is the greatest and the first commandment of the divine law. To the Pharisee who asked what is the greatest commandment of the law, Jesus Christ answered: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart . . . This is the greatest and first commandment." (Matt. xxii. 37, 38.) But this, which is the greatest of the commandments, is the most despised by men: there are few who fulfil it. The greater part of men love their relatives, their friends, and even brute animals, but do not love God. Of these St. John says they have not life, they are dead. "He that loveth not, abideth in death." (I John iii. 14.) St. Bernard writes, that the reward of a soul is estimated by the measure of her love for God.

### How dear this command of loving God with our whole heart ought to be to us

What object more noble, powerful, beautiful, bountiful, merciful, grateful, amiable, or more loving, than himself, could God give us to love? Who more noble than God? Some boast of the nobility of their family for five hundred or a thousand years; but the nobility of God is eternal. He is the Lord of all. Before God all the angels in heaven or all the nobles on earth are but as a drop of water or a grain of dust. Who more powerful than God? He can do whatsoever he wills. By an act of his will he has created this world, and by another act he can destroy it when he pleases. Who more beautiful? Before the beauty of God all the beauties of creatures disappear. Who more bountiful? St. Augustine says, that God has a greater desire to do good to us than we have to receive it. Who more merciful? If the most impious sinner on earth humble himself before God, and repent of his sins, God instantly pardons and embraces him. Who more grateful? He does not leave unrewarded the smallest act we perform for his sake. The greatest of the torments of the damned arise from knowing that this God is so amiable, and that they cannot love him.

### What we ought to do in order to love God with our whole heart

To obtain and to preserve divine love, three things are necessary: meditation, communion, and prayer. First, meditation is necessary. He who thinks but little on God, loves him but little. "In my meditation," says David, "a fire shall flame out." (Ps. xxxviii. 4.) Meditation, and particularly meditation on the passion of Jesus Christ, is the blessed furnace in which the love of God is kindled and fanned. "He brought me into the wine cellar; he set in order charity in me." (Cant. ii. 4.) The souls that are introduced into this heavenly cellar, by a single glance of Jesus Christ crucified and dying for the love of us, are wounded and inebriated with holy love. For St. Paul says, that Jesus Christ died for us all, that each of us may live only to love him. "And Christ died for all, that they also may not now live to themselves, but unto him who died for them." (2 Cor. v. 15.) The communion is another holy furnace, in which we are inflamed with divine love. "The holy eucharist," says St. Chrysostom, "is a fire which inflames us, that, like lions breathing fire, we may retire from the holy table, being made terrible to the devil." (Hom. xli., ad Pop.) Above all, prayer (the prayer of petition) is necessary. It is by means of prayer that God dispenses all his favours, but particularly the great gift of divine love. "We must, then, always, every day, and several times in the day, ask God to give us the grace to love him with our whole heart. St. Gregory says, that God wishes to be compelled and importuned by our petitions to bestow upon us his graces. "God wishes to be entreated to be compelled: he wishes in a certain manner to be overcome by importunity." Let us, then, continually ask of Jesus Christ his holy love; and let us ask his divine mother Mary, who is the treasurer of all his graces, to obtain it for us.

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