

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

June 2, 2019



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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.

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

JUNE 2, 2019

FEET ON THE GROUND

"Until next week, keep your feet on the ground and keep reaching for the stars!" Not today's scriptural wisdom, but legendary DJ Casey Kasem's sage advice, heard across America for generations, *American Top 40's* challenging sign-off. Though Casey wasn't quoting scripture, today's Acts of the Apostles offers similar advice. As Jesus ascended, disciples "were looking intently at the sky."

Wouldn't we prefer a soul-relaxing gaze into peaceful blue skies to a heart-breaking focus on this blood-stained earth? But heavenly questioners asked Jesus' first disciples, "Why are you standing there looking at the sky?" Earth awaited their mission! While our hearts should "keep reaching for" heaven, we need to "keep our feet on the ground." Ascension's scriptures and the Jubilee of Mercy remind us: the Jesus we revere as "ascended into heaven" lives right here among us on earth, awaiting our recognition and loving service.



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Ascension of Our Lord, which celebrates the day on which the risen Christ, in the sight of His apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven (**Luke 24:51; Mark 16:19; Acts 1:9-11**), is a moveable feast. When is Ascension?

How Is the Date of Ascension Determined?

Like the dates of most other moveable feasts, the date of the Ascension depends on the date of Easter. Ascension Thursday always falls 40 days after Easter (counting both Easter and Ascension Thursday), but since the date of Easter changes every year, the date of Ascension does as well.

Ascension Thursday Versus Ascension Sunday

Determining the date of Ascension is also complicated by the fact that, in many dioceses of the United States (or, more accurately, many ecclesiastical provinces, which are collections of dioceses), the celebration of Ascension has been transferred from Ascension Thursday (40 days after Easter) to the following Sunday (43 days after Easter). Since Ascension is a Holy Day of Obligation, it is important for Catholics to know on which date Ascension will be celebrated in their particular diocese.

In the Diocese of St. Augustine, the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated on Sunday.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The mystery of the Ascension has to do with holding in tension a sense of God's nearness, along with the burden caused by apparent signs of absence. The risen Jesus says to Mary Magdalene, "Do not cling to me," perhaps pointing out to her that his physical presence to the disciples was time-bound and temporary. It was a gift for their transformation, and after forty days, he vanished from their sight and hearing, though never out of their consciousness.

They do not mourn at his going this time: there is no trace of the disciples who hid in fear at his crucifixion, no sense of the women who wept softly as they carried ointments to the tomb through the dewy morning light. Instead, the scriptural accounts show them full of joy, comforted by his promise to be with them forever, and open to the Spirit's power. They are joyful, energized, aware, and united with one another in love. They seem to grasp an awareness that if the mission to the whole world was a serious one, then the presence of the Risen Christ could not be pinned down to any one place or time, but had to be always and everywhere completely available.

All peoples, all times, all cultures were opened to receive him in this moment of the Ascension. The energy of this feast is drawn not from absence, but renewed and deeper presence.

Liturgical Schedule (Intentions)

Sat.	June 1	5:00	Gladys Shripka by Harry & Donna Shripka
Sun.	June 2	8:00	Parishioners of St. Michael
Sun.	June 2	10:00	Don Fuller by Peggy Fuller
Sun.	June 2	12:00	Paul Penchi, Sr. by Jeanne Dean
Mon.	June 3	8:30	SPECIAL INTENTION for Alondra Garcia by Aida Villatoro
Tues.	June 4	6:00	SPECIAL INTENTION for Alondra Garcia by Aida Villatoro
Wed.	June 5	8:30	SPECIAL INTENTION for Alondra Garcia by Aida Villatoro
Thurs.	June 6	8:30	Mark Welliver by Jonathan Donnelly family
Fri.	June 7	8:30	Guy Kneeder by Jonathan Donnelly family
Sat.	June 8	5:00	Notre Dane Class of 1959 by Bill & Patsy Flynn
Sun.	June 9	8:00	Parishioners of St. Michael
Sun.	June 9	10:00	Larry Dean by Tim Dean & family
Sun.	June 9	12:00	Brian Doyle by the Sunday 12:00 Choir

Please pray for all requests in the Prayer Request Book. Please pray for the sick, and all who died, especially Norm Honnor, uncle of parishioners Phil & Megan O'Connell. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

The Ascension of the Lord – June 2, 2019
God mounts His throne amid shots of joy; the Lord,
amid trumpet blasts. –Psalm 47:7

Daily Readings

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading – Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (**Acts 1:1-11**).

Psalm – God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (**Psalm 47**).

Second Reading – God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens (**Ephesians 1:17-23**) or **Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23**.

Gospel – As Jesus blessed his disciples he parted from them and was taken up to heaven (**Luke 24:46-53**).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

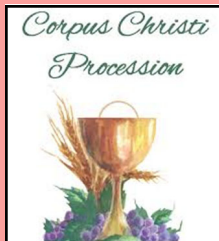
Monday:	Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday:	Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17;

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	The Ascension of the Lord; World Communications Day
Monday:	St. Charles Lwanga and Companions
Wednesday:	St. Boniface
Thursday:	St. Norbert; Julian Calendar Ascension
Friday:	First Friday

CATECHISTS NEEDED!!!

St. Michael's is in *need* of people on fire with the Faith to teach and/or assist Grades K-7 religious education and 9-12 youth ministry!! No prior training? No worries! We will provide you with all the information, resources, prayers, and encouragement necessary to enrich this vital ministry in our parish. If interested, please contact Father Briggs and Lori Kennedy at lkennedy@stmichaelscatholic.com.



Save the Date
Saturday, June 22, 2019
Please join our parish for
our
Corpus Christi
procession following the
5:00 vigil Mass.



Rachel's Vineyard Ministries
(904) 221-3232
rachelvineyard.org
Email: rachelvineyardjax@yahoo.com

Healing the Pain of Abortion

Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat is a beautiful opportunity for any man or woman who has struggled with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. Come and experience the mercy and compassion of God who is *close to the broken-hearted* June 7-9. Call 904-221-3232 or email rachelvineyardjax@yahoo.com. All calls & inquiries are very confidential. Come and be restored!



Congratulations to the St. Michael Academy 8th grade graduates. May God continue to bless you and your families as you continue your journey of faith and education.

Ministry & Organization News and Announcements

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUTEERS NEEDED

Our VBS program will run June 17th – June 20th. It will be held in the Parish hall and Pre school building beginning at 5:30 pm and ending at 8:00 pm. Many Volunteers are needed. If you are interested in helping please let Lori know: lkennedy@stmichaelscatholic.com.

RECEPTION FOR FR. BRIGGS HURLEY

Everyone in the Parish is invited to join St. Michael's Women's Guild in welcoming Fr. Briggs at a wine and cheese reception. He will give a short talk followed by a question and answer session. Also, we will be inducting our new Executive Board members at the reception. The reception will be held in the Parish Hall on June 8th at 6:00 after the 5:00 Mass.



Friday, June 7th at 7:00 pm
to Sunday, June 9th at 5:00 pm

Marywood Retreat and Conference Center
235 Marywood Dr. St Johns, FL 32259

For more information, please call:
904-287-2525 or 889-287-2539

FROM POPE FRANCIS' MESSAGE FOR WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

**Drawing inspiration from a Franciscan prayer,
we might turn to the Truth in person:**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Help us to recognize the evil latent in a communication that does not build communion.
Help us to remove the venom from our judgements.
Help us to speak about others as our brothers and sisters.

You are faithful and trustworthy; may our words be seeds of goodness for the world:
where there is shouting, let us practice listening;
where there is confusion, let us inspire harmony;
where there is ambiguity, let us bring clarity;
where there is exclusion, let us offer solidarity;
where there is sensationalism, let us use sobriety;
where there is superficiality, let us raise real questions;
where there is prejudice, let us awaken trust; where there is hostility, let us bring respect;
where there is falsehood, let us bring truth.
Amen.

Financial Update

Sunday, May 26, 2019

Registered Families	1565
Offertory	\$ 22,265.80
On Line Giving	\$ 2,865.00
Children's Collection	\$ 50.41
Debt Reduction	\$ 537.00
On Line Debt Reduction	\$ 480.50

2019 Q1 DEBT

Remaining Debt

\$1,230,411.75

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MISSION 52

EMERGENCY – NEED HELP?

Emergency assistance through the Mission 52 initiative is available to registered parishioners. Assistance awards average \$500.00 but may be as high as \$700.00.

TO APPLY

Visit: www.stmichaelscatholic.com
Email: mission52@stmichaelscatholic.com
Pickup Application: Parish Office.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, June 1, 2019	5:00 Mass
Lector	Oden
Ushers	Lauerman, Vieser
Extraordinary Ministers	Deacon Art, Brooke, Dexter, Donovan, Gosnell, Holland
Altar Servers	Violet Herbert Charlotte Rebscher Gabby Wagner
Sunday, June 2, 2019	8:00 Mass
Lector	Griffiths
Ushers	
Extraordinary Ministers	Cantin, Coleman, Eby, Dean Dalton's, Cooper
Altar Servers	E. Velazquez, Shripka
Sunday, June 2, 2019	10:00 Mass
Lector	Fulford
Ushers	Schweitzer, Holmes
Extraordinary Ministers	Maddox, McGowan, J. Murphy, Trego, Turner, Vacarro, White
Altar Servers	Christopher Hampton Quintin Thompson-Davoli Logan Morse
Sunday, June 2, 2019	12:00 Mass
Lector	Lee
Ushers	Kebert, Clarke
Extraordinary Ministers	Amos, Finnigan, Tolg, Tasso Hippler, Mason, Pitts
Altar Servers	Gianna Coyle Devon Coyle Lily Logsdon
Saturday, June 8, 2019	5:00 Mass
Lector	Stewart
Ushers	Delaney, Jetko
Extraordinary Ministers	Elwell's, Fillion, Fuller, Henning's, Holland
Altar Servers	Mary Biagini Katie Biagini Brady Massey
Sunday, June 9, 2019	8:00 Mass
Lector	Loveless
Ushers	
Extraordinary Ministers	Deacon Art, Finnigan, Oden Godek, Hippler, Shripka's
Altar Servers	Donovan, White, Will Schmidt
Sunday, June 9, 2019	10:00 Mass
Lector	J. Quinn
Ushers	Maddox, Martin
Extraordinary Ministers	Casera, Nordlinger, Svela, Sciariani's, Seabrooke, Tufaro
Altar Servers	Abby Bogush, Ivy Bradley, Katie Bogush
Sunday, June 9, 2019	12:00 Mass
Lector	Light
Ushers	Clarke, Oberholtz
Extraordinary Ministers	Sr. Rose Paul, Sr. Josephine, Bratton, Howard, Stoner, Stumpp
Altar Servers	Piper Kebert, Emma Godek, Grace Scuderi

OUR PARISH IN ACTION



ST MICHAEL ACADEMY 8th GRADE GRADUATION MASS



Parish Directory

Pastor – Fr. Jose Kallukalam
Parochial Vicar - Fr. Briggs Hurley
Deacon – Deacon Art Treadwell

Weekday Masses
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:30 am
Tuesday: 6:00 pm

Weekend Masses
Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 noon

Confessions:
Saturday: 4:00 – 4:45 pm or by appointment

Parish Pastoral Council
Mr. Jake Gosa, Chairman

Parish Finance Council
Mr. Jan Smith, Chairman

Parish Staff
Sr. Josephine Thekkumthala – Pastoral Associate

Sr. Rose Paul Madassery – Office Manager

Jeanne Dean, Secretary –
jdean@stmichaelscatholic.com
Lori Kennedy, Director Religious Formation
Walt Edwards, Business Manager
Patty O'Neill, Bookkeeper
Denise Ziegler, Director of Music
Meridith Burkhart – Youth Minister

Parish Office Hours
Monday – 12noon – 4pm
Tuesday – Friday – 9am – 4pm

Parish Phone – (904)261-3472

Emergency Phone – (904)277-6566

Parish Fax – (904)321-1901

Parish Website Address – www.stmichaelscatholic.com

Religious Formation
Adults – Sunday – 8:45am – 9:45am - Parish Hall

1st Grade – 7th Grade – 9:00 – 9:45am
St. Michael Academy

Children's Liturgy of the Word
3 year olds – 7 year olds – during 10:00 Mass

St. Michael Academy – Dr. Chris Hampton, Principal
Academy Phone – (904)321-2102

Academy Website – www.smacad.org

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 choose one of the following:

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.