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21st Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

[Jesus] answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." - Lk 13:24

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	Confession 3:00pm 4:00pm
Sunday	8:00am 9:30am 11:00am
Domingo	Confesión 2:00pm 3:00pm Misa en Español
Monday to Friday	8:00am
Saturday	8:00am

TODAY'S MASS: *JOURNEYSONGS*
#990

ORATORY ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS:

Monday thru Friday: 8:30am to 8pm

Saturday: 8:30am to 3pm

Please note: Adoration on Wednesdays has been moved to the Oratory until Labor Day. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 8:30am to 7pm with Benediction at 6:30pm

Parish Office Hours:

Monday to Thursday from 9am to 4pm

Friday from 9am to Noon

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Every Saturday from 3:00pm to 4:00pm; also after the 8:00am Mass on the Thursday before the first Friday of each month.

BAPTISM:

Arrangements are made six weeks in advance.

MARRIAGE:

Six months formation program is required.



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October 30th**

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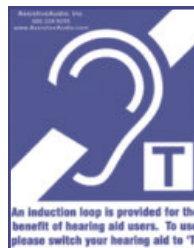
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Please keep Fr. Emmanuel Ofori
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to St. Michael's

**St. Michael's Assisting Staff
(Part Time) available via office (727) 797-2375**

Maria Acuria - Head Sacristy
Nancy Faucette - Catechesis of the Good
Shephard (CGS) and Order of Christian
Initiation for Adults (OCIA)
Mike Manion - Pastor's Assistant



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Pastor's Column



Dear Friends in Christ,

08/24/2025

In today's gospel passage, Jesus encourages His Disciples to "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough" (Lk 13:24). Hearing these words at this time of year reminds me that our OCIA, formerly known as the RCIA, process is getting started very soon. The Church year operates on a calendar that is somewhat similar to the school year calendar, as far as the programs are concerned and the OCIA is no different. It's truly a blessing to welcome those who have journeyed through some challenging pathways to make it through the narrow gate, that is the entrance into the Catholic Church as an adult. So many people have canonical issues regarding prior bonds of marriage and are not free to enter before a formal annulment case can be completed. Such delays in the process turn some away but others respond with greater resolve to strengthen their bond with God and the Church. I personally tend to take the path of least resistance, but I sure do admire those who have been through the gauntlet and have battled to become and remain Catholic in the face of very challenging circumstances. If you know someone who has been searching for a deeper relationship with God in the Catholic Church, please introduce him or her to our inquiry sessions of the OCIA beginning Tuesday, September 2nd, 2025 at 6:45pm in room 13 (Parish Library).

As I mentioned in this column last weekend, Fr. Emmanuel should be meeting with the American Embassy in his home country of Ghana this Tuesday, to resolve the issue of his work visa that has been the cause of the delay of his arrival here at our parish for his assignment as our new Parochial Vicar. Please keep him and the whole situation in your prayers. On Wednesday, our Music Director, Francesco Scalfani, will be meeting with the first group of children who have signed up to take part in a children's choir. This will be the final Wednesday that our Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the Oratory, also known as the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Beginning next Wednesday, September 3rd, Adoration and Benediction will take place in the Church unless otherwise noted (ex. Ash Wednesday).

Peace in Christ,
Fr. Tom J. Anastasia
Pastor

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers for the week of Aug. 23rd
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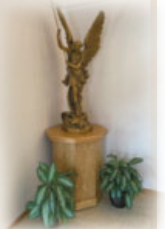
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PRAYER TO OUR PATRON SAINT

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,
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



Want to receive the Sacraments?

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)
is starting soon! If you or someone you know
is interested in becoming a Catholic,
please contact the Parish Office

If you are planning on
moving or are new to our
parish, please notify the office

St. Michael's ministries are in need of more volunteers! Any new or existing parishioner is welcome to join:

Altar Servers - Mike Manion and Jeff Brown
 Eucharistic Ministers - Clara Moll
 Faith Formation - Cheryl de la Cruz
 FAST & Men's Cor - Deacon Paul
 Greeters & Welcome Committee - Julie Robinson
 Lector Readers - Joe Malta
 Light of the World - Corinne Austin
 Parish Vocation Enrichment Team - Christina Fuller
 Respect Life - Debbie Viego
 Sacristy - Maria Acuria
 Ushers - Dave Napoli
 Women's Council - Carol Ritchie

**Please contact the Parish Office
 at (727) 797-2375 if interested**



St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is in need of the following items:
 bug spray, fruit cups, water, saltine crackers, coffee, paper towels, toilet paper and men & ladies deodorants. Items can be placed in the donation box located in the Narthex or at our SVdP food pantry.

**As always may God bless you
 and your generosity!**

Do you consider yourself "Crafty" – JOIN the Wednesday morning Arts and Crafts Ministry as they share their talents (making Rosaries, cross stitch, jewelry makers, knit, crochet, paint, draw, build a bird house), come to room 11 & 12 starting at 9am on Wednesdays!

YOUTH MINISTRY!

Please welcome Nathan Gonzalez as he begins our new Youth Ministry here at St. Michael's. Watch for our Youth Ministry to start in Aug/Sept!

For any questions, please contact Nathan Gonzalez at (727) 797-2375 ext. 244



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Music Ministry



The Chancel Choir is starting up again!
 Our first rehearsal will be Wednesday, September 3rd at 7pm, and we will be singing at the 11am Mass.
 We are always looking for those who are willing to show their gifts and talents as a part of the liturgy!
 (Bonus points if you are an Alto voice)
If you have any questions, please contact our Music Director, Francesco Sclafani, at the Parish Office.
 (We are also looking into developing an All Dudes and All Women's Choir that will sing occasionally at the Saturday Vigil Mass at 4pm)



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: I know their works and their thoughts, and I come to gather nations of every language; they shall come and see my glory. (Is 66:18)

Psalm: Go out to all the world and tell the Good News. (Ps 117)

Second Reading: So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed. (Heb 12:12-13)

Gospel: For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." (Lk 13:30)

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Date/Readings (August 24th - 31st)	Mass Intentions (This Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered to...)	Event Schedule (August 24th - 31st)
Sunday, August 24th <u>21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</u> IS 66:18-21/ PS 117:1, 2 (MK 16:15)/ HEB 12:5-7, 11-13/ LK 13:22-30	8:00aM Robert & Mary Lacke 9:30aM Kate Carmichael 11:00aM Jeff & Jason Zajac	All Masses Coffee & Donuts Cenacle 9:00am CGS - Level 1 #2 9:30am Grade Level 1 #7 10:45am First Communion Prep #5 10:45am OCIC - 1st Level Kids #3 12:30pm Parish Library Opened #13
Monday, August 25th <u>ST. LOUIS & JOSEPH CALASANZ</u> 1THES 1:1-5, 8B-10/ PS 149:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6a AND 9B/ MT 23:13-22	8:00aM Dominic Gentile	Noon Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting #5 - 7 6:30pm CGS - Level 2 #1 6:45pm Faith Formation Grades 3 - 8 #3 - 12
Tuesday, August 26th 1THES 2:1-8/ PS 139:1-3, 4-6/ MT 23:23-26	8:00aM Fayza Mikhail	Noon Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting #5 - 7 6:00pm Faith Formation 1st Communion #11 7:00pm Narcotics Anonymous - Nights #6 & 7
Wednesday, August 27th <u>ST. MONICA</u> 1THES 2:9-13/ PS 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12aB/ MT 23:27-32	8:00aM Vocations	9:00am Arts & Crafts #11 & 12 Noon Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting #5 - 7 7:00pm KofC - Officer's Meeting #11
Thursday, August 28th <u>ST. AUGUSTINE</u> 1THES 3:7-13/ PS 128:1-2, 4-5/ MT 24:42-51	8:00aM Harry Androsko	Noon Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting #5 - 7 7:00pm Hispanic Evening Prayer #3 8:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous - Nights #6 & 7
Friday, August 29th <u>THE PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST</u> 1THES 4:1-8 (429)/ PS 97:1 AND 2B, 5-6, 10, 11-12/ MK 6:17-29	8:00aM Joseph Majer, SR.	11:00am Parish Library Opened #13 Noon Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting #5, 6 & 7
Saturday, August 30th <u>ST. ROSE OF LIMA</u> 1THES 4:9-11/ PS 98:1, 7-8, 9/ MT 25:14-30	8:00aM Anna Cerullo 4:00PM Arthur R. Owens	No Events Today!
Sunday, August 31st <u>22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</u> SIR 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/ PS 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)/ HEB 12:18-19, 22-24a/ LK 14:1, 7-14	8:00aM Our Parish Family 9:30aM David Meadows 11:00aM Tom Brady	No Events Today Labor Day Weekend!

**SUNDAY, AUG 17TH, 2025**

Offertory:	\$	10,294
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Attendance:		1,096

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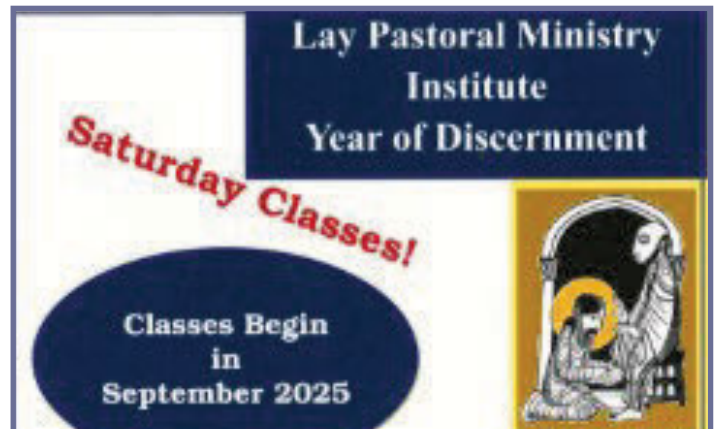
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THIS WEEK'S BULLETIN QUESTION IS.....

Which saint is the patron saint of priests?

THE ANSWER WILL BE IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN

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LAST BULLETIN QUESTION WAS.....

What is the Queenship of our Blessed Virgin Mary?

ANSWER:

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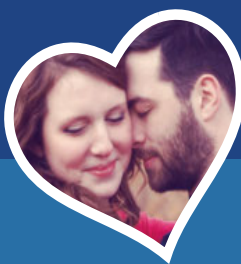


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