

# Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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## Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2016

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### Mass Intentions

Sun. Dec. 4th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Second Sunday of Advent, <i>I Class</i> Joseph Sherrick - <i>His Parents</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. Dec. 5th 7:45 a.m.	Votive Mass for the Grace of a Good Death, <i>III Class</i> Fr. Jose Zepeda, FSSP - Eric Helfrich
Tues. Dec. 6th 7:45 a.m.	St. Nicholas, <i>Bishop &amp; Confessor, III Class</i> † Angela Bonavoglia
Wed. Dec. 7th 7:45 a.m.	St. Ambrose, <i>Bp, Confessor &amp; Doctor, III Class</i> Living/Deceased Doggett & Gristina Families - <i>Jeff &amp; Lisa Doggett</i>
Thu. Dec. 8th 9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	<i>Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary, I Class</i> <i>Pro Populo</i> Souls in Purgatory - <i>Anon.</i>
Fri. Dec. 9th 6:00 p.m.	Votive Mass for the Defense of the Church, <i>III Class</i> Mike Gillenkirk - <i>His Family</i>
Sat. Dec. 10th 6:30 a.m.	Mass of our Lady on Saturday (in Advent) - Rorate Mass, <i>III Class</i> † Grace & Mario Incavido - <i>Theresa Burke</i>
Sun. Dec. 11th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Third Sunday of Advent ( <i>Gaudete</i> ), <i>I Class</i> † Robert L. Helfrich - <i>Eric R. Helfrich</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Sunday

Low Mass: 8:00 am

High Mass: 10:15 am

#### Weekdays

Monday-Thursday: 7:45 am

Friday: 6:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am

### CONFESSIONS

Monday-Saturday

One half hour before Mass

Sunday: 7:15-7:50 am

& 9:15-10:05 am

### DEVOTIONS

#### Exposition-Benediction

Friday 5:00 pm

Saturdays 8:00 am

### DAILY ROSARY

Monday-Thursday - After Mass

Friday-Sunday - Before Mass

### OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Friday 9 am - 4 pm

**THURSDAY - CLOSED**

Saturday - 10 am - Noon

## Second Sunday of Advent

### **INTROIT**

*Ps. 30, 30*

People of Sion, behold the Lord shall come to save the nations; and the Lord shall make the glory of His voice to be heard in the joy of your heart. Give ear, O Thou that rulest Israel: Thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep.  
V. Glory...

### **COLLECT**

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the ways of Thine only-begotten Son, that through His coming we may be worthy to serve Thee with purified minds. Who livest...

### **EPISTLE**

*Rom. 15, 4-13*

Brethren, what things soever were written, were written for our learning; that through patience and the comfort of the Scriptures we might have hope. Now the God of patience and of comfort grant you to be of one mind one toward another, according to Jesus Christ: that with one mind, and with one mouth, you may glorify God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore receive one another; as Christ also hath received you, unto the honor of God. For I say that Christ Jesus was minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers. But that the Gentiles are to glorify God for His mercy, as it is written: Therefore will I confess to Thee, O Lord, among the Gentiles, and will sing to Thy name. And again He saith: Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with His people. And again: Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and magnify Him, all ye people. And again, Isaias saith: There shall be a root of Jesse; and He that shall rise up to rule the Gentiles, in Him the Gentiles shall hope. Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing; that you may abound in hope, and in the power of the Holy Ghost.

### **GRADUAL**

*Ps. 49, 2, 3, 5*

Out of Sion the loveliness of His beauty: God shall come manifestly. V. Gather ye together His saints to Him; who have set His covenant before sacrifices.

### **ALLELUIA**

Alleluia, alleluia. I rejoiced at the things that were said to me: we shall go into the house of the Lord. Alleluia.

### **GOSPEL**

*Matt. 11, 2-10*

At that time when John had heard in prison the works of Christ: sending two of his disciples, he said to Him: Art Thou He that art to come, or do we look for another? And Jesus making answer, said to them, Go and relate to John what you have heard and seen. The blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead rise again, the poor have the gospel preached to them; and blessed is he that shall not be scandalized in Me. And when they went their way, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John, What went you out into the desert to see? a reed shaken with the wind? But what went you out to see? a man clothed in soft garments? Behold they that are clothed in soft garments are in the houses of kings. But what went you out to see? A prophet? Yea, I tell you, and more than a prophet. For this is He of whom it is written, Behold I send My angel before Thy face, who shall prepare Thy way before Thee.

### **OFFERTORY**

*Ps. 84, 7, 8*

O God, turning, Thou wilt bring us life; and Thy people shall rejoice in Thee: show us, O Lord, Thy mercy, and grant us Thy salvation.

### **SECRET**

Be appeased, we beseech Thee, O Lord, by the prayers and offerings of our lowliness, and where no support of merits is at hand, do Thou hasten to us with Thine aid. Through our Lord...

### **COMMUNION**

*Bar. 5, 5; 4, 36*

Arise, O Jerusalem, and stand on high: and behold the joy that cometh to thee from thy God.

### **POSTCOMMUNION**

Filled with the food of spiritual nourishing, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord, that by our partaking of this mystery Thou wouldst teach us to contemn earthly and love heavenly things. Through our Lord...

# Introduction to the Devout Life

## How to Make a General Confession

### *Part I, Chapter 19*

Such meditations as these, my child, will help you, and having made them, go on bravely in the spirit of humility to make your general confession;--but I entreat you, be not troubled by any sort of fearfulness. The scorpion who stings us is venomous, but when his oil has been distilled, it is the best remedy for his bite;--even so sin is shameful when we commit it, but when reduced to repentance and confession, it becomes salutary and honourable. Contrition and confession are in themselves so lovely and sweet-savoured, that they efface the ugliness and disperse the ill savour of sin. Simon the leper called Magdalene a sinner, but our Lord turned the discourse to the perfume of her ointment and the greatness of her love. If we are really humble, my child, our sins will be infinitely displeasing to us, because they offend God;--but it will be welcome and sweet to accuse ourselves thereof because in so doing we honour God; and there is always somewhat soothing in fully telling the physician all details of our pain.

When you come to your spiritual father, imagine yourself to be on Mount Calvary, at the Feet of the Crucified Saviour, Whose Precious Blood is dropping freely to cleanse you from all your sin. Though it is not his actual Blood, yet it is the merit of that outpoured Blood which is sprinkled over His penitents as they kneel in Confession. Be sure then that you open your heart fully, and put away your sins by confessing them, for in proportion as they are put out, so will the Precious Merits of the Passion of Christ come in and fill you with blessings.

Tell everything simply and with straightforwardness, and thoroughly satisfy your conscience in doing so. Then listen to the admonitions and counsels of God's Minister, saying in your heart, "Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth." It is truly God to Whom you hearken, forasmuch as He has said to His representatives, "Whoso heareth you, heareth Me." Then take the following protest, as a summary of your contrition, having carefully studied and meditated upon it beforehand: read it through with as earnest an intention as you can make.

St. Francis de Sales

**SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH** extends a warm welcome to all visitors and new parishioners in the parish.

**SILENCE PLEASE:** Please be careful of the noise in the vestibule when socializing after the Masses.

**2017 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES:** Envelopes for 2017 year are now available in the vestibule of the church.

**ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE:** Our Parish Goal is \$10,000. As of today, we have reached **38** percent of our pledged goal. Envelopes can be found in the church vestibule. Please mark your donation to the appeal with our parish code 060.

### UPCOMING MASSES

**Immaculate Conception:** Dec. 8th, High Mass 9:00 a.m., Low Mass 6:00 p.m. **TEAM B** is scheduled to serve both masses. Immaculate Conception is a holy day of obligation in the United States.

**Rorate Mass** in honor of our Blessed Mother will be on Saturday, Dec. 10th at 6:30 a.m.

**CHURCH CLEANING DAY:** Special thanks to everyone who participated in the church cleaning yesterday to make the church beautiful for the anticipated birth of the Christ-Child. May God reward you.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Next Sunday December **11th** there will be a second collection to help support all Religious and Diocesan Priests.

**Please Note:** Our new Sacramental emergency number is 570-780-0910.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR:** All children ages 5-16 years old are invited to sing in the Children's Christmas Choir which will perform with the Adult Choir before the Midnight Mass of Christmas. Practices will be on the Sundays of Advent after the 10:15 High Mass. If you have any questions please see Mrs. Eileen Hanisch.

### Prayer to the Divine Christ Child

Divine Child Jesus! May Thy sublime majesty fill me with holy fear. May Thy power strengthen me in my weakness. May Thy wisdom enlighten me in my ignorance. May Thy goodness heal me of my malice. May Thy mercy make me happy in my misery. May Thy innocence purify me from all stain of sin. May Thy purity destroy within me all sensuality. May Thy simplicity direct all my thoughts toward God alone. O spirit of the Holy Infant Jesus! Be thou my strength, my wisdom and my love! Be Thou my light, my life and my all! Teach me and convert me, lead me and direct me, now and for all eternity. Amen.

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**December 4th  
8:00 a.m. Mass**

**AC1** Joshua Sica  
**AC2** Timothy Sica

#### **TEAM A**

**MC** Matthew Gillenkirk  
**TH** Patrick Seeley  
**AC1** Andrew Pheasant  
**AC2** Joseph Seeley  
**C** Brendan Seeley  
**S1** Sean Michelin  
**S2** Mathias Morris

### WEEK TWO

**Monday  
7:45 a.m.**

**Tuesday  
7:45 a.m.**

**Wednesday** Joshua Sica  
**7:45 a.m.** Timothy Sica

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (*Gaudete*)

**December 11th  
8:00 a.m. Mass**

**AC1** Patrick Schneider  
**AC2** Mathias Morris

#### **TEAM C**

**MC** Dominic Gardner  
**TH** Patrick Seeley  
**AC1** Joseph Seeley  
**AC2** Brendan Seeley  
**C** Jack Gardner  
**S1** Michael Gardner  
**S2** Sean Michelin