

# Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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## Third Sunday after Easter

*April 17, 2016*

Fr. José Zepeda, FSSP, Pastor

### Mass Intentions

Sun. Apr. 17th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Third Sunday after Easter, <i>II Class</i> † Herman Mendez - <i>McGuirk Family</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. Apr. 18th 7:45 a.m.	Votive Mass of the Holy Trinity, <i>IV Class</i> † Jule Guzek
Tues. Apr. 19th 7:45 a.m.	Votive Mass of the Angels, <i>IV Class</i> † Ramiro Soltero † Benjamin Curiel
Wed. Apr. 20th 7:45 a.m.	Votive Mass of St. Joseph, <i>IV Class</i> Dwight M. Craig - <i>F.O.S.S.</i>
Thu. Apr. 21st 7:45 a.m.	St. Justin, <i>Martyr, III Class</i> † Mary Fish - <i>Mitchell Family</i>
Fri. Apr. 22nd 6:00 p.m.	Ss. Soter & Caius, <i>Popes &amp; Martyrs, III Class</i> Burke Family - <i>Anon.</i>
Sat. Apr. 23rd 9:00 a.m.	Saturday of Our Lady, <i>IV Class</i> Gillenkirk Family - <i>Anon.</i>
Sun. Apr. 24th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Fourth Sunday after Easter, <i>II Class</i> Intentions of Leonard & Mary Tabone <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

& 9:15-10:05

### **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

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## **INTROIT**

*Ps. 65, 1, 2*

Shout with joy to God, all the earth, alleluia; sing ye a psalm to His name, alleluia: give glory to His praise. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. *Ps. 65, 3.* Say unto God, how terrible are Thy works, O Lord! In the multitude of Thy strength Thy enemies shall lie to Thee. *V.* Glory be to the Father ... Shout with joy ...

## **COLLECT**

O God, Who dost show the light of Thy truth to them that go astray, that they may be able to return to the path of justice, grant unto all who profess themselves and are reckoned Christians, both to reject the things that are opposed to that Name and to follow after the things that befit it. Through our Lord.

## **EPISTLE**

*1 Peter 2, 11-19*

Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, to refrain yourselves from carnal desires which war against the soul, having your conversation good among the gentiles: that whereas they speak against you as evil-doers, they may by the good works, which they shall behold in you, glorify God in the day of visitation. Be ye subject therefore to every human creature for God's sake: whether it be to the king as excelling: or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of the good: for so is the will of God, that by doing well you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men. As free, and not as making liberty a cloak for malice, but as the servants of God. Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king. Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward. For this is thankworthy in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## **ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA**

*V. Ps. 110, 9.* The Lord hath sent Redemption to His people. Alleluia. *V. Luke 24, 46.* It behooved Christ to suffer these things, and so to enter into His glory. Alleluia.

## **GOSPEL**

*John 16, 16-22*

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples, A little while, and now you shall not see Me; and again a little while, and you shall see Me; because I go to the Father. Then some of His disciples said one to another, What is this that He saith to us, A little while, and you shall not see Me; and again a little while, and you shall see Me; and because I go to the Father? They said therefore, What is this that He saith, A little while? We know not what He speaketh. And Jesus knew that they had a mind to ask Him: and He said to them, of this do you inquire among yourselves because I said, A little while, and you shall not see Me; and again a little while, and you shall see Me? Amen, amen, I say to you, that you shall lament and weep, but the world shall rejoice; and you shall be made sorrowful but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. A woman when she is in labor hath sorrow, because her hour is come; but when she hath brought forth the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world. So also you now indeed have sorrow, but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man shall take from you.

## **OFFERTORY**

*Ps. 145, 2*

Praise the Lord, O my soul, in my life I will praise the Lord: I will sing to my God as long as I shall be. Alleluia.

## **SECRET**

May these mysteries, O Lord, quench the ardor of our earthly desires, and teach us to love only the things of heavenly. Through our Lord.

## **COMMUNION**

*John 10, 14*

A little while, and now you shall not see Me, alleluia: and again a little while, and you shall see Me: because I go to the Father. Alleluia, alleluia.

## **POSTCOMMUNION**

May the Sacrament we have received, O Lord, we beseech Thee, both restore us with its spiritual nourishment and protect us with its help for our bodies.

## Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen

Grant, O Lord, that the things of earth may not take hold of my heart and impede it from aspiring to heaven.

Today the liturgy begins to direct our thoughts toward the coming Ascension of Jesus: "A little while, and now you shall not see Me... because I go to the Father." The Gospel which relates this passage is taken from the discourse that Our Lord made to the Apostles at the Last Supper. His purpose was to prepare them for His departure, before He went to His Passion; but the Church presents to us this farewell speech of Jesus today, before His Ascension. Having accomplished His mission, Jesus must return to the Father who sent Him. One day we shall have to do the same; earth is not our lasting dwelling, but the place of our pilgrimage. Jesus has said so: "A little while, and now you shall not see Me; and again a little while, and you shall see Me..." These words which were enigmatic for the Apostles, who did not understand them, are now clear to us: "a little while" —that is our short lifetime, and very soon we too must leave the earth and follow Jesus to heaven where we shall see Him in His glory. Then, as our Lord said, "your heart shall rejoice; and your joy no man shall take from you." However, before reaching this happy state, we have to endure the difficulties, struggles, and sufferings of life on earth. Although it is "short" compared with the "eternal weight of glory" (2 Cor 4:18) which awaits us, the Lord knows that for us, overcome as we are by the trials of life on earth, it is "much" and painful. He warns us, therefore, so that we shall not be scandalized: "You shall lament and weep, but the world shall rejoice..." The world rejoices and wants to rejoice at any cost, because it is immersed in the pleasures of this life, with no thought of what awaits it beyond. If it cannot escape the inevitable sufferings of life, it tries to stifle its sorrow in pleasure, by contriving to extract from every fleeting moment all the enjoyment possible. A Christian does not do this; he imposes on himself a life of sacrifice and renunciation, in view of heavenly happiness: "You shall be made sorrowful," said Jesus, "but your sorrow shall be turned into joy."

The Epistle likewise exhorts us to live on earth with

our eyes turned toward heaven. "Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, to refrain yourselves from carnal desires which war against the soul." The pilgrim cannot delay to enjoy the pleasures and joys which he meets on the road, or he will endanger the success of his journey and may even run the risk of not reaching the end. So the Christian, God's pilgrim, cannot allow himself to be detained by the things of earth; he can use them and even enjoy them, if Providence puts them in his way, but only with a detached heart which immediately leaves them behind. Nothing can delay him, for he is in a hurry to reach the goal. The life of a Christian is like that of a traveler in a foreign land, who never delays because he is anxious to get back to his own country. The Secret of the Mass very aptly puts on his lips the following prayer: "May these mysteries, O Lord, quench the ardor of our earthly desires, and teach us to love only the things of heaven!" We need this prayer very much, for present satisfactions and goods, with their tangible, concrete character, may always make an impression on our senses and heart, even to the point of detaining us in our progress toward heaven, and of making us forget the emptiness of all earthly things. Another characteristic of the pilgrim is that he is never satisfied until he reaches his native land; this unrest throws a veil of sadness over his life. Thus, the Christian, God's pilgrim, can never be wholly content until he reaches heaven and possesses God. Today, sighing, he runs toward Him; he quickens his step, sustained by the hope of meeting Him "face to face" some day. His hope, however, is accompanied by a feeling of sadness, because he hopes for what he does not yet possess. His is the holy sadness of those who are seeking God. Let us thank God if He has made us experience this; it is a good sign; it is a sign that our heart has been captivated by His love, and that earthly things can no longer satisfy it. Once again the words of Jesus comfort us: "Your sadness shall be changed into joy."

**WELCOME:** St. Michael the Archangel Parish extends a warm welcome to all new parishioners in the parish. If you would like to register, please contact the rectory.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** in your charity to pray for the housebound and for Mr. Walter Bartholf who has recently passed away.

**THE CONFRATERNITY OF ST. PETER** Is a society which gathers those who feel close to the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter and who wish to support its charism through prayers & sacrifices. Information may be found in the church vestibule or on line at [www.confraternityofstpeter.org](http://www.confraternityofstpeter.org)

**FR. GERARD SAGUTO FSSP** will give his next class on Wednesday, April 20th, at 7:00 p.m. The topic will be "Theology of Worship and the Tridentine Mass." This topic will take us into the month of May. Everyone is welcome!

**NOISE:** Please be aware of the **noise** when lowering the kneelers at Mass and when you visit after Mass in the vestibule. May God reward you.

**MAY CROWNING** is May 8th! All participants will meet in the church basement at 9:45 a.m. Please see the sign-up sheet in vestibule of Church. Don't forget to wear your prettiest dresses. Any questions please call Mrs. McGuirk at 570-333-1484.

**SEMINARIAN FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN:** St. Michael's Knights of Columbus Council 14829 is asking for your help in providing financial assistance for seminarians from our parish. The Knights will match the first \$500 in donations it receives. The campaign goal is \$3,000 in donations. Please be very generous and support our future priests. Make checks payable to "KOC Council 14829" and write "vocations" in the memo section of the check. Please drop your donation in the collection basket using envelopes in the pews for this purpose. **We will begin the campaign in the month of May. Your donation is tax deductible. Thank you!**

**COLLECTION:** April 10th - \$3,019.00

## *Altar Boy Schedule*

**THIRD SUNDAY**  
**AFTER EASTER**

**April 17th**  
**8:00 a.m. Mass**

**ACI** Francis LaFata  
**AC2** Mathias Morris

**TEAM D**

**MC** Matthew Gillenkirk  
**TH** Joshua Sica  
**AC1** Andrew Pheasant  
**AC2** John Skuba  
**C** Timothy Sica  
**S1** Joseph Skuba  
**S2** Peter Sica

**WEEK TWO**

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

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

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

**Thursday** John Mitchell  
**7:45 a.m.**

**FOURTH SUNDAY**  
**AFTER EASTER**

**April 24th**  
**8:00 a.m. Mass**

**ACI** John Skuba  
**AC2** Joseph Skuba

**TEAM E**

**MC** Dominic Gardner  
**TH** Joseph McWhirter  
**AC1** Stephen LaFata  
**AC2** Patrick Schneider  
**C** Collin Chidester  
**S1** John Mitchell  
**S2** Sean Michelin