

Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2016

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Mass Intentions

Sun. Dec. 11th	Third Sunday of Advent (<i>Gaudete</i>), I Class
8:00 a.m.	† Robert L. Helfrich - <i>Eric R. Helfrich</i>
10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. Dec. 12th	Our Lady of Guadalupe , III Class
7:45 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Gillenkirk - <i>Their Children</i>
Tues. Dec. 13th	St. Lucy, <i>Virgin & Martyr</i> , III Class
7:45 a.m.	Holy Souls in Purgatory - <i>Nancy Noll</i>
Wed. Dec. 14th	Ember Wednesday of Advent, II Class
7:45 a.m.	† Ann Marie Smith - <i>Anon.</i>
Thu. Dec. 15th	Votive Mass-Jesus Christ Eternal High Priest, IV Class
7:45 a.m.	† Stilp Family Members - <i>Eric Helfrich</i>
Fri. Dec. 16th	Ember Friday of Advent, II Class
6:00 p.m.	† Dorothy & Thomas Burke - <i>Theresa Burke</i>
Sat. Dec. 17th	Ember Saturday of Advent, II Class
9:00 a.m.	Living/Dec'd Doggett & Gristina Families - <i>Jeff & Lisa Doggett</i>
Sun. Dec. 18th	Fourth Sunday of Advent (<i>Rorate</i>), I Class
8:00 a.m.	Skuba Family
10:15 a.m.	<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

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INTROIT

Philip. 4, 4-6

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Let your modesty be known to all men: for the Lord is nigh. Be nothing solicitous; but in everything by prayer let your requests be made known to God. Lord, Thou hast blest Thy land; Thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob. *V.* Glory...

COLLECT

Incline Thine ear to our prayers, O Lord, we beseech Thee; and make bright the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Who livest...

EPISTLE

Philip. 4, 4-7

Brethren: Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, rejoice. Let your modesty be known to all men. The Lord is nigh. Be nothing solicitous; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasseth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GRADUAL

Ps. 79, 2, 3

Thou, O Lord, that sittest upon the cherubim, stir up Thy might, and come. *V.* Give ear, O Thou that rulest Israel: Thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia. *V.* Stir up Thy might, O Lord, and come: that Thou mayest save us. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

John 1, 19-28

At that time: the Jews sent from Jerusalem priests and Levites to John, to ask him, Who art thou? And he confessed, and did not deny; and he confessed, I am not the Christ. And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he said, I am not. Art thou the prophet? And he answered, No. They said therefore unto him, Who art thou, that we may give an answer to them that sent us? What sayest thou of thyself? He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness. Make straight the

way of the Lord, as said the prophet Isaias. And they that were sent were of the Pharisees. And they asked him, and said to him, Why, then, doest thou baptize, if thou be not Christ, nor Elias, nor the prophet? John answered them, saying, I baptize with water; but there hath stood one in the midst of you, Whom you know not; the same is He that shall come after me, Who is preferred before me, the latchet of Whose shoe I am not worthy to loose. These things were done in Bethania beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

OFFERTORY

Ps. 84, 2

Lord, Thou hast blest Thy land: Thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob: Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of Thy people.

SECRET

May the sacrifice of our devotion, we beseech Thee, O Lord, be continually offered to Thee, both to carry out Thy designs in this holy Mystery and wonderfully to work in us Thy salvation. Through our Lord...

COMMUNION

Ps. 35, 4

Say, to the fainthearted, take courage, and fear not, behold our God will come and will save us.

POSTCOMMUNION

We implore Thy clemency, O Lord, that cleansed from our sins, these divine aids may prepare us for the coming festival. Through our Lord...



Introduction to the Devout Life

A Hearty Protest Made with the Object of Confirming the Soul's Resolution to Serve God, as a Conclusion to Its Acts of Penitence

Part I, Chapter 20

I, the undersigned,--in the Presence of God and of all the company of Heaven, having considered the Infinite Mercy of His Heavenly Goodness towards me, a most miserable, unworthy creature, whom He has created, preserved, sustained, delivered from so many dangers, and filled with so many blessings: having above all considered the incomprehensible mercy and loving-kindness with which this most Good God has borne with me in my sinfulness, leading me so tenderly to repentance, and waiting so patiently for me till this--(present) year of my life, notwithstanding all my ingratitude, disloyalty and faithlessness, by which I have delayed turning to Him, and despising His Grace, have offended Him anew: and further, remembering that in my Baptism I was solemnly and happily dedicated to God as His child, and that in defiance of the profession then made in my name, I have so often miserably profaned my gifts, turning them against God's Divine Majesty:--I, now coming to myself prostrate in heart and soul before the Throne of His Justice, acknowledge and confess that I am duly accused and convicted of treason against His Majesty, and guilty of the Death and Passion of Jesus Christ, by reason of the sins I have committed, for which He died, bearing the reproach of the Cross; so that I deserve nothing else save eternal damnation.

But turning to the Throne of Infinite Mercy of this Eternal God, detesting the sins of my past life with all my heart and all my strength, I humbly desire and ask grace, pardon, and mercy, with entire absolution from my sin, in virtue of the Death and Passion of that same Lord and Redeemer, on Whom I lean as

the only ground of my hope. I renew the sacred promise of faithfulness to God made in my name at my Baptism; renouncing the devil, the world, and the flesh, abhorring their accursed suggestions, vanities and lusts, now and for all eternity. And turning to a Loving and Pitiful God, I desire, intend, and deliberately resolve to serve and love Him now and eternally, devoting my mind and all its faculties, my soul and all its powers, my heart and all its affections, my body and all its senses, to His Will. I resolve never to misuse any part of my being by opposing His Divine Will and Sovereign Majesty, to which I wholly immolate myself in intention, vowing ever to be His loyal, obedient and faithful servant without any change or recall. But if unhappily, through the promptings of the enemy, or human infirmity, I should in anywise fail in this my resolution and dedication, I do most earnestly resolve by the grace of the Holy Spirit to rise up again so soon as I shall perceive my fall, and turn anew, without any delay, to seek His Divine Mercy. This is my firm will and intention,--my inviolable, irrevocable resolution, which I make and confirm without any reserve, in the Holy Presence of God, in the sight of the Church triumphant, and before the Church militant, which is my mother, who accepts this my declaration, in the person of him who, as her representative, hears me make it. Be pleased, O Eternal, All-Powerful, and All-Loving God,-- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to confirm me in this my resolution, and accept my hearty and willing offering. And inasmuch as Thou hast been pleased to inspire me with the will to make it, give me also the needful strength and grace to keep it. O God, Thou art my God, the God of my heart, my soul, and spirit, and as such I acknowledge and adore Thee, now and for all eternity. Glory be to Jesus. Amen.

St. Francis de Sales

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

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

SECOND COLLECTION: Today there will be a second collection to help support all Religious and Diocesan Priests.

ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE: Our Parish Goal is \$10,000. As of today, we have reached 40 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.

IN PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS: During Advent it is good for us to reflect and to spiritually prepare for the great feast of Christmas. Pray and take every opportunity to attend Mass, daily if possible. May God reward you.

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.

PLEASE NOTE: Our new Sacramental emergency number is **570-780-0910**.

FR. GERARD SAGUTO FSSP: Will give his next class on Wednesday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m. The topic will be **“Observations and Comments on the Creed.”** Instruction on how to present the faith and counter modern criticism will be covered. Everyone is welcome!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

Carols 11:00 pm

Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

High Mass 10:00 am

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.

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

WEEK THREE

Monday Patrick Schneider
7:45 a.m.

Tuesday
7:45 a.m.

Wednesday Jack Gardner
7:45 a.m. Michael Gardner

Thursday Sean Michelin
7:45 a.m. Mathias Morris

FOURTH SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

December 18th
8:00 a.m. Mass

AC1 Francis LaFata
AC2 Stephen LaFata

TEAM D
MC Andrew Pheasant
TH Joshua Sica
AC1 Matthew Gillenkirk
AC2 Jack Gardner
C Michael Gardner
S1 Timothy Sica
S2 Peter Sica