

Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 24, 2013

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Mass Intentions

Sun. Nov. 24th Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, *II Class*
8:00 a.m. Zepeda Family - Seeley Family
10:15 a.m. Pro Populo

Mon. Nov. 25th St. Catherine of Alexandria, *Virgin & Martyr, III Class*
7:45 a.m. † Frances Day - Ms. Jean Ignatovich

Tues. Nov. 26th St. Sylvester, *Abbot, III Class*
7:45 a.m. Heisler Family - Stephen Pendrak

Wed. Nov. 27th Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, *IV Class*
7:45 a.m. Intentions of Nancy Emig

Thur. Nov. 28th Votive Mass of the Blessed Sacrament, *IV Class*
7:45 a.m. † Mary Chaya - Elaine Guzek

Fri. Nov. 29th St. Saturninus, *Martyr, III Class*
6:00 p.m. Andrew Smith - Christian & Joyce Keifer

Sat. Nov. 30th St. Andrew, *Apostle, III Class*
9:00 a.m. † Patrick Ferraro - Judith Ferraro

Sun. Dec. 1st First Sunday of Advent, *I Class*
8:00 a.m. Intentions of Leonard and Mary Tabone
10:15 a.m. Pro Populo

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

Jer. 29, 11, 12, 14

The Lord saith, I think thoughts of peace, and not of affliction; you shall call upon Me and I will hear you; and I will bring back your captivity from all places. Lord, Thou hast blessed Thy land: Thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob. *V.* Glory...

COLLECT

Arouse, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the wills of Thy faithful, that, by more earnestly following after the fruit of the divine work, they may the more abundantly partake of Thy mercies. Through our Lord...

LESSON

Col. 1, 9-14

Brethren, We cease not to pray for you, and to beg that you may be filled with the knowledge of the will of God, in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may walk worthy of God, in all things pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might according to the power of His glory, in all patience and long-suffering with joy; giving thanks to God the Father, Who hath made us worthy to be partakers of the lot of the saints in light; Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in Whom we have redemption through His blood, the remission of sins.

GRADUAL

Ps. 43, 8, 9

Thou hast delivered us, O Lord, from them that afflict us: and hast put them to shame that hate us. *V.* In God we will glory all the day: and in Thy name we will give praise for ever.

ALLELUIA

Ps. 129, 1, 2

Alleluia, alleluia. From the depths I have cried to Thee, Lord: Lord, hear my prayer. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matt. 24, 15-35

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples, When you shall see the abomination of desolation, which was spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place; he that readeth, let him understand: then they that are in Judea, let them flee to the mountains; and he that is on the house-top, let him not come down to take anything out of his house; and he that is in the field, let him not go back to take his coat. And woe to them that are with child, and that give suck, in those days, But pray that your flight be not in the winter, or on the sabbath: for there shall be then great tribulation, such as has not been found from the beginning of the world until now, neither shall be: and unless those days had been shortened, no flesh should be

saved; but for the sake of the elect, those days shall be shortened. Then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; do not believe Him: for there shall arise false Christs and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders, insomuch as to deceive (if possible) even the elect. Behold I have told it to you beforehand: if they therefore shall say to you, Behold, He is in the desert, go ye not out; behold, He is in the closets, believe it not. For as lightning cometh out of the east, and appeareth even into the west, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Wheresoever the body shall be, there shall the eagles also be gathered together. And immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven shall be moved; and then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven, and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn; and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with much power and majesty: and He shall send His angels with a trumpet and a great voice and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest parts of the heavens to the utmost bounds of them. And from the fig-tree learn a parable: when the branch thereof is now tender, and the leaves come forth, you know that summer is nigh. So you also, when you shall see all these things, know ye that it is nigh even at the doors. Amen I say to you, that this generation shall not pass till all these things be done. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away.

OFFERTORY

Ps. 129, 1, 2

From the depths I have cried out to Thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my prayer: from the depths I have cried out to Thee, O Lord.

SECRET

Be propitious, O Lord, to our supplications, and accept the offerings and prayers of Thy people: turn all our hearts unto Thee, that, being delivered from earthly desires, we may pass on to the enjoyments of heaven. Through our Lord.

COMMUNION

Mark 11, 24

Amen, I say to you, whatsoever you ask when you pray, believe that you shall receive, and it shall be done unto you.

POSTCOMMUNION

Grant us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that, through this sacrament which we have received, whatever is evil in our hearts may be restored by the gift of healing. Through our Lord.

For there shall be then great tribulation, such as hath not been from the beginning of the world until now, neither shall be.
(Saint Matthew 24:21)

With greater latitude others think that this destruction and punishment of the Jews by Titus is to be considered as more terrible than the destruction and punishment which befell any other nation whatsoever. For the Jews were not from the beginning of the world, but took their rise from Abraham and Jacob. In this way the meaning would be, that neither the burning of Sodom, nor the drowning of Pharaoh and the Egyptians in the Red Sea, nor the overthrow of the Canaanites by Josue, nor the overthrow of Ninive or Babylon, or the Persians, the Greeks or of any other nation, however atrocious and terrible, which ever has been or shall be, was so dreadful as this destruction of Judaea, which was to take place under Titus. I have spoken of separate and individual nations, because the destruction of the whole world by the deluge in the time of Noe, and the general conflagration at the last day, with the common destruction of all, surpasses in horror the destruction of the single nation of the Jews. In like manner, the persecution of Antichrist will be more horrible, forasmuch as it will be a universal persecution of all Christians who in all nations believe in Christ.

St. Chrysostom assigns as the reason for this most dreadful destruction of the Jews, the atrocity of their crime, by which they treated their own Messias ignominiously and crucified Christ, the Son of God. Therefore, from this destruction and unceasing desolation of the Jewish nation, you may prove to the Jews that Christ has come already, and that it is He whom they have slain. For God has never punished any other crime, either among the Jews or any other nation, so fearfully as He has punished and does punish this, their Christicide and Deicide. Hence the Auctor Imperfecti rightly says, "Until Christ, although the Jews were sinners, yet they were accounted as sons, and as sons they were punished. But after the Lord was crucified they ceased to be sons, and were treated as enemies, and as such were rooted out, without any hope of salvation. For inasmuch as they had committed a crime, the like whereof had never been committed, nor

yet would be committed again, so there came upon them such a sentence as never has been passed, nor ever will be passed upon any others." This is what St. Luke says (21:22), For these are the days of vengeance (i.e., for the death of Christ). . . There shall be great distress in the land and wrath upon this people. Josephus adds that Titus recognized this vengeance of God, and attributed the capture of Jerusalem, not to his own power, but to Him. For entering into the captured city, when he saw the height and solidity of the bulwarks and towers, he exclaimed, "It is evident that God has helped us to fight. It was God Himself who cast down the Jews from those fortifications. For what power of man, or what machines, would have been able to do so?" The same Josephus adds, and Eusebius cites him, that "when Titus went round and saw the ditches full of the corpses of the dead, he groaned aloud, and lifting up his hands to heaven, called God to witness that it was not his work."

Luke 21:24 adds, They shall fall by the edge of the sword, i.e., they shall be slain by the swords of the Romans. Hence Josephus asserts that, besides innumerable others slain in all parts of Judaea, there fell in the siege of Jerusalem alone 1,100,000 souls, who died by famine, pestilence, and the sword.

From these words of Christ, St. Cyril of Jerusalem rightly refuted the Jews, who, at the instigation of Julian the Apostate, set about rebuilding the temple. He predicted that all their labor would be in vain, because Christ had declared, citing Daniel, that the desolation of Jerusalem and of the temple would continue unto the end of the world. And he was a true seer. For fire coming down from heaven consumed all the tools of the workmen. And a great earthquake tore up the foundation-stones and dispersed them, and destroyed the adjacent buildings. On the following night, impressions of the Sign of the Cross, shining like rays of the sun, appeared impressed upon the garments of the Jews, which by no efforts were they able to efface.

(The Great Commentary of Cornelius à Lapide)

VISIT: The Very Rev. John Berg, Superior General of the Fraternity of St. Peter, will be with us the weekend of December 8th. Fr. Berg will celebrate the High Mass. A potluck and a talk by Father Berg will follow the Mass. Everyone is welcome.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Each of us is aware of the devastation and loss being encountered by people in the Philippines and Vietnam. Thousands of people are suffering without food and water and countless others need our prayers and support as they begin to recover. In order to support those in need, Bishop Bambera has authorized a special collection in the parishes of the Diocese of Scranton. The collection will be taken up TODAY at all the Masses. Thank you for being as generous as possible. May God reward you.

FIRST FRIDAY is **December 6th**. Eucharistic Adoration begins at 5:00 p.m. and ends with Benediction at 5:40 p.m. Please don't leave Our Lord alone. God bless you.

FIRST SATURDAY is **December 7th**. Pray the Rosary, meditate for 15 minutes on the Mysteries, make sacramental confession and Communion in reparation for sins and blasphemies against Her Immaculate Heart.

UPCOMING MASSES: Please note the following Sung Mass in December:

Dec. 14th - 6 a.m. Rorate Mass

ALTAR BOY PRACTICE: Altar Boy practice will be Saturday Dec. 7th. The next practice will be in February.

All children ages 5-16 years old are invited to sing in the St. Michael's Children's Christmas Choir, which will sing with the Adult Choir before Midnight Mass for about 50 minutes. Practices will be on Sundays after the 10:15 Mass and will begin next Sunday, **December 1st**. Red binders with the music are in the choir loft for interested children (**One binder per family please**). The taped music will be sent to your parents email.

FSSP CHRISTMAS CARDS are available in the vestibule. Proceeds will benefit Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary operating expenses in Denton, Nebraska.

2014 FSSP LITURGICAL CALENDARS: Will be available until Monday November 25th. A donation of \$12 is appreciated.

The latest **FRATERNITY NEWSLETTER** may be found in the vestibule of the Church, please take one.

COLLECTION: November 17th - \$2,663.00

Altar Boy Schedule

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST

November 24th

8:00 a.m. Mass

ACI Joseph Schneider
AC2 Patrick Schneider

TEAM C

MC Justin LaFata
TH Dominic Gardner
AC1 Robert Seeley
AC2 Timothy Emig
C Francis LaFata
S1 Brendan Seeley
S2 Michael Gardner
S3 Jack Gardner
S4 Stephen LaFata

WEEK TWO

Monday Joseph Schneider
7:45 a.m. Patrick Schneider

Tuesday James McWhirter
7:45 a.m. Joseph McWhirter

Wednesday John Mitchell
7:45 a.m. Anthony Mitchell

Thursday
7:45 a.m.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 1st

8:00 a.m. Mass

ACI Justin LaFata
AC2 Francis LaFata

TEAM D

MC William Skuba
TH Chris Shanahan
AC1 Matthew Gillenkirk
AC2 Joseph Schneider
C Patrick Schneider
S1 John Skuba
S2 Joseph Skuba
S3 Joseph Seeley
S4 Brendan Seeley