

Saint Michael the Archangel Church

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Third Sunday of Lent

March 19, 2017

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Mass Intentions

Sun. Mar. 19th	Third Sunday of Lent, <i>I Class</i>
8:00 a.m.	Helen Bogorowski - David & Karen Scatena
10:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. Mar. 20th	St. Joseph , Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary, <i>I Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	† Mary Creaden - Jerome Lackner
Tues. Mar. 21st	Anniversary of the Coronation of a Pope, <i>II Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	† Joan & Rena Ciaruffoli - Gillenkirk Family
Wed. Mar. 22nd	Feria of Lent, <i>III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Antonio & Carmen Sanchez, 65 Wed. Anniv - Patricia Sanchez
Thu. Mar. 23rd	Feria of Lent, <i>III Class</i>
7:45 a.m.	Mr. Clerico - Anon.
Fri. Mar. 24th	Feria of Lent, <i>III Class</i>
6:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory - Mitchell Family
Sat. Mar. 25th	Annunciation of Blessed Virgin Mary , <i>I Class</i>
9:00 a.m.	Gillenkirk Family - Mike & Nancy Emig
Sun. Mar. 26th	Fourth Sunday of Lent, (<i>Laetare</i>), <i>I Class</i>
8:00 a.m.	† William R. Craig, F.O.S.S.
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

Third Sunday of Lent

INTROIT

Ps. 24:15-16 Ps. 24:1-2

My eyes are ever towards the Lord: for He shall pluck my feet out of the snare: look Thou upon me, and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor. To Thee, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul: in Thee, O my God, I put my trust; let me not be ashamed. Glory be.

COLLECT

Humbling ourselves before Thee, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, favorably to regard the desires of our heart: and in our defense to stretch forth the right hand of Thy Majesty. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE

Eph. 5: 1-9

Brethren, be ye followers of God, as most dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath delivered Himself for us, an oblation and a sacrifice to God, for an odor of sweetness. But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not so much as be named among you, as becometh saints; nor obscenity, nor foolish talking, nor scurrility, which is to no purpose; but rather giving of thanks. For know ye this, and understand, that no fornicator, nor unclean, nor covetous person, which is a serving of idols, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words; for because of these things cometh the anger of God upon the children of unbelief. Be ye not therefore partakers with them. For you were heretofore darkness; but now light in the Lord. Walk ye as children of the light: for the fruit of the light is in all goodness, and justice, and truth.

GRADUAL

Ps. 9: 20, 4

Arise, O Lord, let not man be strengthened; let the Gentiles be judged in Thy sight. When my enemy shall be turned back, they shall be weakened and perish before Thy face.

TRACT

Ps. 122: 1-3

To Thee have I lifted up my eyes, who dwellest in heaven. Behold as the eyes of servants are on the hands of their masters. And as the eyes of the handmaid are on the hands of her mistress: so are our eyes unto the Lord our God, until He have mercy on us. Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.

GOSPEL

Luke 11: 14-28

At that time, Jesus was casting out a devil, and the same was dumb. And when He had cast out the devil, the dumb spoke, and the multitudes were in admiration at it. But some of them said: He casteth out devils by Beelzebub, the

prince of devils. And others, tempting, asked of Him a sign from heaven. But He, seeing their thoughts, said to them: Every kingdom divided against itself shall be brought to desolation, and house upon house shall fall. And if Satan also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because you say that through Beelzebub I cast out devils. Now if I cast out devils by Beelzebub, by whom do your children cast them out? Therefore, they shall be your judges. But if I by the finger of God cast out devils doubtless the kingdom of God is come upon you. When a strong man armed keepeth his court, those things are in peace which he possesseth. But if a stronger than he come upon him and overcome him he will take away all his armor wherein he trusted, and will distribute his spoils. He that is not with Me, is against Me: and he that gathereth not with Me, scattereth. When the unclean spirit is gone out of the man, he walketh through places without water, seeking rest and not finding, he saith: I will return into my house whence I came out. And when he is come, he findeth it swept and garnished. Then he goeth, and taketh with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and entering in they dwell there. And the last state of that man becomes worse than the first. And it came to pass, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd, lifting up her voice, said to Him: Blessed is the womb that bore Thee, and the breasts that gave Thee suck. But He said, Yea rather, blessed are they who hear the word of God, and keep it.

OFFERTORY

Ps. 18: 9-12

The justices of the Lord are right, rejoicing hearts, and His judgments are sweeter than honey and the honey-comb; for Thy servant keepeth them.

SECRET

May this holy Victim, we beseech Thee, O Lord, wash away our sins: and sanctifying Thy servants in body and in soul, make us worthy to offer sacrifice to Thee. Through our Lord.

COMMUNION

Ps. 83: 4-5

The sparrow hath found herself a house, and the turtle a nest, where she may lay her young ones: Thy altars, O Lord of Hosts, my King, and my God: blessed are they that dwell in Thy house, they shall praise Thee for ever and ever.

POSTCOMMUNION

Free us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, whom Thou hast privileged to have part in mysteries so sublime, from every danger to body or to soul. Through our Lord.

Introduction to the Devout Life (Cont'd)

Spiritual Retirement

Part II, Chapter 12

This is a matter, dear daughter, to which I am very anxious to win your attention, for in it lies one of the surest means of spiritual progress. Strive as often as possible through the day to place yourself in God's Presence by some one of the methods already suggested. Consider what God does, and what you are doing;--you will see His Eyes ever fixed upon you in Love incomparable. "O my God," you will cry out, "why cannot I always be looking upon Thee, even as Thou lookest on me? why do I think so little about Thee? O my soul, thy only resting-place is God, and yet how often dost thou wander?" The birds have nests in lofty trees, and the stag his refuge in the thick coverts, where he can shelter from the sun's burning heat; and just so, my child, our hearts ought daily to choose some resting-place, either Mount Calvary, or the Sacred Wounds, or some other spot close to Christ, where they can retire at will to seek rest and refreshment amid toil, and to be as in a fortress, protected from temptation. Blessed indeed is the soul which can truly say, "Thou, Lord, art my Refuge, my Castle, my Stay, my Shelter in the storm and in the heat of the day."

Be sure then, my child, that while externally occupied with business and social duties, you frequently retire within the solitude of your own heart. That solitude need not be in any way hindered by the crowds which surround you-- they surround your body, not your soul, and your heart remains alone in the Sole Presence of God. This is what David sought after amid his manifold labours;--the Psalms are full of such expressions as "Lord, I am ever with Thee. The Lord is always at my right hand. I lift up mine eyes to Thee, O Thou Who dwellest in the heavens. Mine eyes look unto God."

There are few social duties of sufficient importance to prevent an occasional retirement of the heart into this sacred solitude. When Saint Catherine of Sienna was deprived by her parents of any place or time for prayer and meditation, Our Lord inspired her with the thought of making a little interior oratory in her mind, into which she could retire in heart, and so enjoy a holy solitude amid her outward duties. And henceforward, when the world assaulted her, she was able to be indifferent, because, so she said, she could retire within her secret oratory, and find comfort with her Heavenly Bridegroom. So she counselled her spiritual daughters to make a retirement within their heart, in which to dwell. Do you in like manner let your heart withdraw to such an inward retirement, where, apart from all men, you can lay it bare, and treat face to face with God, even as David says that he watched like a "pelican in the wilderness, or an owl in the desert, or a sparrow sitting alone upon the housetop." These words have a sense beyond their literal meaning, or King David's habit of retirement for contemplation;--and we may find in them three excellent kinds of retreats in which to seek solitude after the Saviour's Example, Who is symbolized as He hung upon Mount Calvary by the pelican of the wilderness, feeding her young ones with her blood. So again His Nativity in a lonely stable might find a foreshadowing in the owl of the desert, bemoaning and lamenting: and in His Ascension He was like the sparrow rising high above the dwellings of men. Thus in each of these ways we can make a retreat amid the daily cares of life and its business.

When the blessed Elzear, Count of Arian-en Provence, had been long separated from his pious and beloved wife Delphine, she sent a messenger to inquire after him, and he returned answer, "I am well, dear wife, and if you would see me, seek me in the Wounded Side of our Dear Lord Jesus; that is my sure dwelling-place, and elsewhere you will seek me in vain." Surely he was a true Christian knight who spoke thus.

St. Francis de Sales

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.

FR. ZEPEDA is away until March 23rd. There will be **no masses** from Monday, March 20th, through Thursday March 23rd.

LENTEN MISSION: Fr. James Buckley, FSSP will preach a Lenten Mission from Monday, April 3rd through Friday, April 7th. He will hear confessions before and after each mission talk. His talks begin at 7:00 p.m. and will last one hour.

Schedule of Talks

- Monday- 1. An Instruction on the Sacrament of Penance.
2. The Principal and Foundation of St. Ignatius of Loyola.
- Tuesday- 1. An Instruction on the Eucharist
2. On Sin
- Wednesday- 1. An Instruction on Marriage
2. The Last Things.
- Thursday - 1. The Mercy of God.
- Friday - 2. The Passion of Christ.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS are held on every Friday at 5:15 p.m. during Lent. Mass is at 6:00 p.m. with the Holy Rosary following the Mass. **Confessions will be heard from 4:30 - 4:55 p.m.**

ADORATION: In lieu of the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent, there will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Lent is passed.

PLENARY INDULGENCE: On each of the Fridays of Lent, a plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who, after Communion, recite the "Prayer Before a Crucifix."

Prayer Before a Crucifix

Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus while before Thy face I humbly kneel and, with burning soul, pray and beseech Thee to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope, and charity; true contrition for my sins; and a firm purpose of amendment; while I contemplate with great love and tender pity Thy five most precious wounds, pondering over them within me while I call to mind the words which David Thy prophet said of Thee, my Jesus:

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 19th
8:00 a.m. Mass

- ACI** 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

WEEK TWO

Monday No Mass
7:45 a.m.

Tuesday No Mass
7:45 a.m.

Wednesday No Mass
7:45 a.m.

Thursday No Mass
7:45 a.m.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

(Laetare)
March 26th
8:00 a.m. Mass

- ACI** Timothy Sica
- AC2** Peter Sica

TEAM A

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