

The Third Sunday of Advent

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**who takes no
offense at me**



St. Michael the Archangel Roman
Catholic Church
December 14, 2025



Mission Statement

The Mission of St. Michael the Archangel Roman Catholic Church is to worship God in prayer through the celebration of the sacraments, proclaim the Gospel while teaching others to do so, and to serve those in need.



Weekly Offertory

November 23, 2025

Offertory Envelopes ... \$6,616.00
Loose Collection \$3,140.00
Online Giving \$2,532.00
Total Offertory \$12,288.00

Weekly Offertory

November 30, 2025

Offertory Envelopes ... \$7,344.00
Loose Collection \$3,577.00
Online Giving \$5,997.00
Total Offertory \$16,918.00

— In Remembrance —



This week, the Sanctuary Candle is donated in loving memory of Jerry Melito.

This Week

Monday, December 15, 2025

Daily Mass Chapel 7:30 – 8:00 AM
Ladies Sodality PC 4 9:30 - 11:00 AM
Understanding the Catechism PC 3 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

Daily Mass Chapel 7:30 – 8:00 AM
Discovering Jesus FGMC 10:00 - 11:30 AM
Rosary Makers PC 4 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
OCIA Class FGMC 7:00 - 8:30 PM
Scripture Study PC 4 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

Daily Mass Chapel 7:30 – 8:00 AM
The Road to Emmaus PC 4 10:00 – 11:30 AM

Thursday, December 18, 2025

Daily Mass Chapel 7:30 – 8:00 AM
Bible Study Group PC 3 10:00 - 11:30 AM
Discovering Jesus FGMC 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Friday, December 19, 2025

Daily Mass Chapel 7:30 – 8:00 AM
Eucharistic Adoration Chapel 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Saturday, December 20, 2025

Daily Mass Chapel 7:30 – 8:00 AM
Vigil Mass Church 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Sunday, December 21, 2025

Mass Church 7:00 – 8:00 AM
Mass Church 9:00 – 10:00 AM
Faith Formation **FGMC** **10:15 - 11:30 AM**
Mass Church 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

PC: Parish Center FGMC: Father George Malin Center



Mass Intentions For This Weekend 12/13 & 12/14

Saturday, December 13th

4:00^{PM} †Marvin Miller

Sunday, December 14th

7:00^{AM} ♦For All Parishioners

9:00^{AM} †Theresa Prezioso

11:00^{AM} †Vera Lorenzi

Mass Intentions For This Week

Monday, December 15th

7:30^{AM} †Frank Sama

Tuesday, December 16th

7:30^{AM} †The Martone & Puglisi Families

Wednesday, December 17th

7:30^{AM} †Marie Drouin

Thursday, December 18th

7:30^{AM} †Raymond Yagelski

Friday, December 19th

7:30^{AM} †Laura Lauria

Saturday, December 20th

7:30^{AM} †Jonathan Randal Stalter

4:00^{PM} ♦Birthday Blessings for El Goggin

Sunday, December 21st

7:00^{AM} †Luc Nguyen Peter

9:00^{AM} ♦For All Parishioners

11:00^{AM} †Joseph Randazzo

Clergy

Very. Rev. James Ruhlin, V.F.....Pastor

Rev. Pius T. Mathew Parochial Vicar

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil.....4:00^{PM}

Sunday.....7:00, 9:00 and 11:00^{AM}

Daily.....7:30^{AM}

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday..... 8:00^{AM} to 3:00^{PM}

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Reconciliation

Thursday.....3:00 to 4:00^{PM} & 6:30 to 7:00^{PM}

Friday (Advent Only).....1:45 to 2:45^{PM}

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A WORD FROM FATHER JIM

This weekend, the Church celebrates the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete (*the Latin word for "rejoice"*) Sunday. The Church is rejoicing because we have reached the midpoint of the Advent season. *"Lighting the pink candle for joy symbolizes a break from the season's penitential tone, inviting us to celebrate the blessings of Christ's coming. Advent joy calls us to pause and appreciate the presence of God in our lives, looking forward to the fullness of joy that Christmas brings. It's an invitation to reflect this joy through kindness, gratitude, and worship, radiating the light of Christ to those around us."* Likewise, the rose-colored vestments give us a break from the penitential purple of the rest of the Advent season.

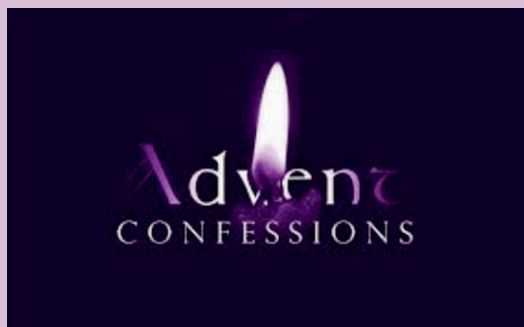
Joy is the theme of the Third Week of Advent. The joy of Advent is: God's promise fulfilled in the birth of Christ. In other words, our joy should reflect the excitement and gratitude that we have for the coming of Christ, who brings salvation to the world. Hence, this joy is not simply happiness, but rather a profound resilient gladness, which is rooted in the love of God and the fulfillment of His promises.

Here are some Christmas jokes to help you share the joy of the Advent season:

- 1) How do Christmas trees get their email?
Answer: They log-on.
- 2) What do you get when you mix a Christmas tree and an iPad?
Answer: A pine-Apple.
- 3) What did one Christmas tree say to another?
Answer: Lighten up.
- 4) How did Luke Skywalker know what Darth Vader had bought him for Christmas?
Answer: Because he felt his presents.
- 5) What did Luke Skywalker say after he planted a Christmas tree farm?
Answer: May the forest be with you.
- 6) Why are Christmas trees so fond of the past?
Answer: Because the present's beneath them.
- 7) What is a Christmas tree's favorite candy?
Answer: Orna-mints.
- 8) Knock, knock!
 Who's there?
 Ho Ho.
 Ho Ho who?
 Your Santa impression needs a little work.

May you continue to encounter the joy of the Advent season and share it with those you meet.

God bless,
Fr. Jim Ruhlin



Reconciliation Times During Advent

Thursdays from 3:00^{PM} to 4:00^{PM}

Thursdays from 6:30^{PM} to 7:00^{PM}

Fridays from 1:45^{PM} to 2:45^{PM}

Reconciliation Services at other Parishes

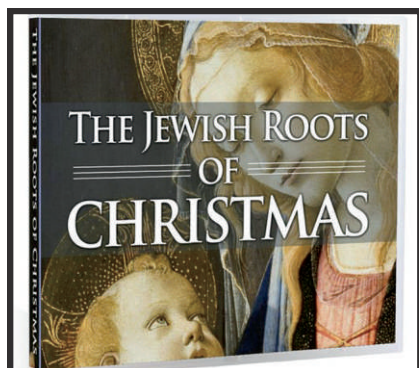
Monday, December 15 at [Our Lady Queen of Peace](#) from 4:00^{PM} to 6:00^{PM}

Thursday, December 18 at [St. James the Apostle](#) from 4:00^{PM} to 5:00^{PM}



Week three Advent Wreath Prayer

Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.



Wednesday

Dec. 17

10 am Rm. 3

- What is the true meaning of Christmas?
- What was the Star of Bethlehem
- How does Jesus' birth fulfill Hannukah?

Join us on Wednesday, December 17 at 10:00AM in room 3 of the parish center as we learn more about the Jewish Roots of Christmas.

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Parish Rosary Program

Total Rosaries for Sunday

Total Rosaries for Monday.....

Total Rosaries for Tuesday.....

Total Rosaries for Wednesday

Total Rosaries for Thursday

Total Rosaries for Friday

Total Rosaries for Saturday

Total Rosaries for the Week: _____

Taking Care of God's House



The word or idea of giving is mentioned 2,162 times in the Bible. It is God's call for us to give. Generosity has a ripple effect, which reminds us of the abundance that follows a giving heart.

2 Corinthians 9:7-8 "You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. 'For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.' And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need, and plenty left over to share with others."

St. Michael the Archangel church is thankful for the generous donations received to support our many building repair and maintenance needs. Through the generous support of our past and present parishioners, our aging buildings and equipment list of repairs is slowly being completed. Please continue with a year-end gift marked **Building Fund** to help support the ongoing repair and maintenance needs to be worked on in 2026.

You may use the special envelopes located at the exits of the church or go online to make your year-end donation! Online Log in at <https://www.saintmichaelchurch.org/giving>. Click on "Building Fund."



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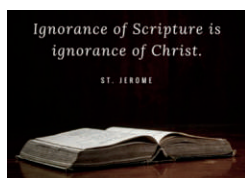
Our 2025 Parish Goal:

\$124,441.00

Amount Paid:

\$77,614.75

If we are to truly know God, we must know his Word, but understanding Scripture can sometimes be challenging. Please join us as we discuss the readings for the upcoming Sunday Masses on Tuesday, December 16th, beginning at 7:00^{PM} in room 4 of the parish center.



Parish Rosary Program Update

Total Rosaries Prayed this
week:

476

Total Rosaries Prayed Year to
Date: 1,742

Total Weeks Reporting

4

Thank You!

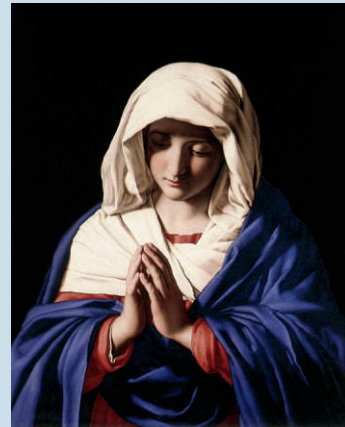
The Knights of Columbus thanks the parishioners and guests for their generosity. We collected \$4,672.00 during the Coats for Kids Collections. That enabled us to provide 336 coats to Pasco county students.



The Christmas poinsettia tradition has been enhanced as some have suggested the shape of the flower and leaves symbolise the Star of Bethlehem which guided the magi, the three wise men, to the birth of Jesus. The red leaves are said to represent the blood of Christ and the white leaves his purity.

Mary, Mother of God

January 1, 2026



We will have a vigil Mass on Wednesday, December 31st at 4:00^{PM}. Masses on Thursday, January 1st, 2026 will be at 7:00^{AM} and 11:00^{AM}. All Masses will be celebrated in the church.

There will be **NO CONFESSIONS** on Thursday, January 1st, 2026.



The Parish office and facilities will be closed from December 24th, 2025 through January 4th, 2026 for the Christmas and New Year Holiday. We will reopen on Monday, January 5th, 2026 at 8:00^{AM}.

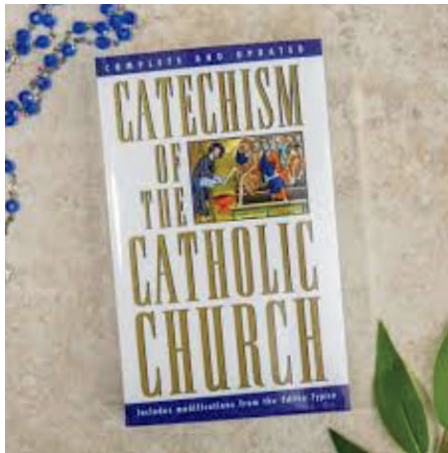


Understanding the Catechism

Monday Evenings

6:00 to 7:00 PM

Parish Center Room 3

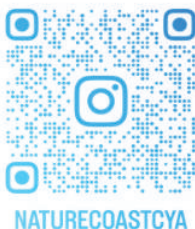


Join Father Jim for classes that will help the faithful better understand the Church's teachings. There are a limited number of Catechisms available for class use. If you have your own Catechism book, then you might want to bring it with you to class.

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Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24th

Mass at 4:00^{PM} and 6:00^{PM}

Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25th

Mass at 9:00^{AM} and 11:00^{AM}

All Masses will be in the church and the chapel will be open for additional seating.

There will be NO CONFESSIONS on Christmas Day.

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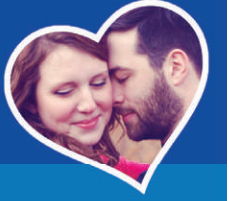


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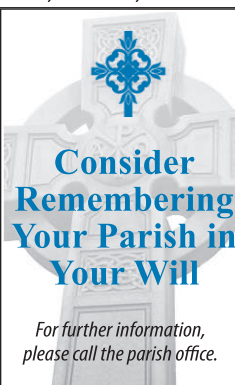
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