



*While I am in
the world, I am the*
LIGHT
JOHN 9:5

St. Michael the Archangel Roman
Catholic Church

March 15, 2026

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

March 1, 2026

Offertory Envelopes\$7,377.00
Loose Collection\$4,705.00
Online Giving\$5,214.00
Total Offertory \$17, 296.00

— In Remembrance —



This week, the Sanctuary Candle is donated in remembrance of Deacon Howard Page.

**May They Enter Into
The Joy of the
Kingdom**

Our sincerest sympathies go to the family and friends of Ellen Motrinec and Michael LaRosa. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

This Week

Monday, March 16, 2026

Daily MassChapel 7:30 – 8:00 AM
Ladies Sodality.....PC 4..... 9:30 - 11:00 AM
Understanding the CatechismPC 3..... 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Daily MassChapel 7:30 – 8:00 AM
Discovering JesusFGMC 10:00 - 11:30 AM
Rosary MakersPC 4..... 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Grief Share Group.....PC 3..... 1:00 - 2:00 PM
Scripture Study.....PC 4..... 7:00 - 8:30 PM
OCIAFGMC 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

Daily MassChapel 7:30 - 8:00 AM
The Road to EmmausPC 4..... 10:00 - 11:30 AM

Thursday, March 19, 2026

Daily MassChapel 7:30 – 8:00 AM
Bible Study GroupPC 4..... 10:00 - 11:30 AM
Discovering JesusFGMC 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Friday, March 20, 2026

Daily MassChapel 7:30 – 8:00 AM
Stations of the Cross.....Chapel 12:00 PM
ConfessionsChapel 12:30 - 1:30 PM
Eucharistic AdorationChapel 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
BenedictionChapel 4:00 PM
K of C Fish FryPC 3..... 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Saturday, March 21, 2026

Daily MassChapel 7:30 – 8:00 AM
Pack A Sack LuncheonPC 3..... 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Vigil Mass.....Church 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Sunday, March 22, 2026

MassChurch 7:00 – 8:00 AM
MassChurch 9:00 – 10:00 AM
Faith FormationFGMC 10:15 - 11:35 AM
MassChurch 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

PC: Parish Center FGMC: Father George Malin Center

Mass Intentions For This Weekend 03/14 & 03/15

Saturday, March 14th

4:00^{PM} †The Szczepanski Family

Sunday, March 15th

7:00^{AM} †Thomas Gaidosh
9:00^{AM} ❖For All Parishioners
11:00^{AM} †Deceased members of the Huff
Family

Mass Intentions For This Week

Monday, March 16th

7:30^{AM} †Douglas W. Halstead

Tuesday, March 17th

7:30^{AM} †Mary Knoph

Wednesday, March 18th

7:30^{AM} †Geraldine Loughran and Leanne
Steurer

Thursday, March 19th

7:30^{AM} †Jose V. Trinidad

Friday, March 20th

7:30^{AM} †Ann Slaybaugh

Saturday, March 21st

7:30^{AM} †Thomas Zasucha
4:00^{PM} †Daniel Cunneen

Sunday, March 22nd

7:00^{AM} †Frank Prezioso
9:00^{AM} †Jose Baena
11:00^{AM} ❖For All Parishioners

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}

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A WORD FROM FATHER JIM

This weekend, the Church celebrates Laetare Sunday (*the Fourth Sunday of the Lenten Season*). This means that we are halfway through the season of Lent. The word "Laetare" means "rejoice" and that is what we are called to do at this point in our Lenten journey. The rose-colored vestments represent joy and a spirit of rejoicing.

On Thursday, March 19, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Saint Joseph is an extremely significant figure in our faith and he provides a model of the just and faithful man. Here are some facts and lessons from the life of Saint Joseph.

1) Saint Joseph has two feast days on the liturgical calendar. On March 19, the Church celebrates Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and on May 1, she honors him as Saint Joseph the Worker.

2) Saint Joseph is a man of great action and no words (*at least in the Sacred Scriptures*). There are no recorded words by Saint Joseph in the entire Bible. His life is defined by quiet, action-oriented, and obedient service to God. Saint Joseph allows his actions to speak volumes about his faith and character. His silence is a sign of deep contemplation and constant listening attention to the voice of God.

3) Saint Joseph was always obedient to God's will. When told in a dream not to be afraid to take Mary as his wife or to flee into Egypt, he did not question nor hesitate rather he acted immediately on what he was instructed to do.

4) As the guardian of the Holy Family, Saint Joseph modeled active and protective love. He always sacrificed his own plans and desires in order to ensure the safety and comfort of Mary and Jesus.

5) Saint Joseph was humble and selfless. He never sought the spotlight nor recognition for his actions. He happily accepted a supporting role, working quietly to serve God.

6) He is the Patron Saint of Workers. As a carpenter, he taught Jesus his trade. Saint Joseph shows us that work is a way to glorify God, provide for one's family, and participate in making the world a better place.

7) Saint Joseph is the Patron Saint of a Happy Death. Tradition holds that he died with Jesus and Mary by his side before our Lord began his public ministry.

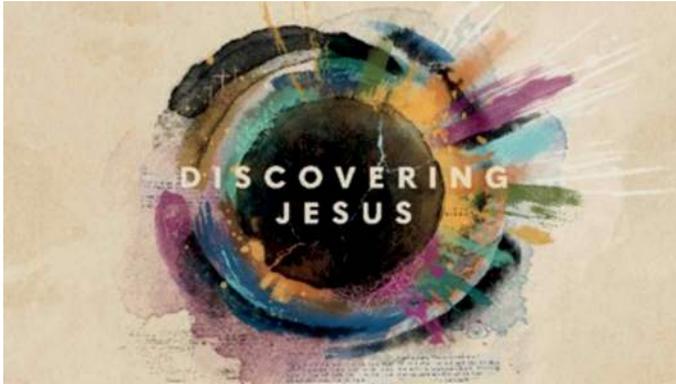
8) In 1870, Pope Pius IX declared him the "Patron of the Universal Church." This title reflects how Saint Joseph protected and cared for Jesus, whose Mystical Body is the Church.

9) Saint Joseph was given the title, "Terror of Demons." He is a very powerful saint when it comes to dealing with evil due to his great dedication to God and his love of Christ.

10) "Saint Joseph is a model of chaste love, teaching that love and commitment to another do not have to involve possession, but can be a pure dedication to the other's good."

May Saint Joseph help guide us through the rest of this Lenten season and help us to prepare for the celebration of the Lord's Paschal Mystery (*Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection*).

God bless,
Fr. Jim Ruhlin



Please join us for our **Discovering Jesus** small group class. We are inspired and learn by watching and discussing a presentation from the National Eucharistic Congress. We then spend time discussing and praying with Sacred Scripture, Sacred Art, or Sacred Music. It's a great way to meet wonderful people and to learn and pray with them. Each class is self-contained so you can come anytime. **Tuesdays 10-11:30am OR Thursdays 7-8:30pm in the Malin Center** (the Faith Formation building behind St. Vincent de Paul). Questions ... Andy Gotsch at (727) 379-1558 or agotsch@saintmichaelchurch.org

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Michael's Conference, is delighted to invite you to our annual Pack A Sack Fundraiser.

The Pack A Sack Fundraiser is an important occasion where our community comes together to support families in need. Your participation will help us provide essential nourishment for children that would normally not have access to weekend meals.

Please join us for a day of compassion, giving, and fun. Together we can make a meaningful difference to the lives of our 50 students at Gulfview Elementary school.

- Date: Saturday, March 21, 2026
- Time: 11:30^{AM} to 2:00^{PM}
- Location: Parish Center, St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church



We truly hope you will be able to attend and support our mission. LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED. Tickets are \$25 and are available at the parish office or the St. Vincent de Paul office.

Taking Care of God's House



St. Michael's Building and Maintenance expenses paid since December 8th, 2025 are listed below. This provides you with all major repairs, maintenance needs and construction work payments that were made in the last three months.

- 50-ton AC unit for West side of the church was ordered late November. The unit has arrived and installation and activation occurred the last week of February. Payment made for unit \$52,090.00. Pending invoice for labor \$62Kt-.
- Gutter sealing work completed in February with final payment mad of \$24,737.70.

A very special 'Thank You' to all Building Fund donors who support our continued work on the long list of repairs or replacement items needed for our 40-year old buildings. The donations for our Building Fund needs arrive every month showing how much our parishioners love this special and beautiful church called St. Michael the Archangel in Hudson.

The parish office staff will continue to address emergency items such as replacing a non-repairable AC unit, to continue additional areas that need sealing and waterproofing around the exterior of church like gutters and windows, and the most important and largest project to re-roof the church building, followed by the Parish Center!

Please consider a 2026 monthly on-line donation to support the Building Fund growth throughout 2026. Visit our website at <https://www.saintmichaelchurch.org/giving>. Click "BUILDING FUND." God's Blessings be upon you and your families!



During Lent, when you attend Mass or the Friday Stations of the Cross, stop in the chapel to see the beautiful wooden stations with handmade frames. These beautiful frames were made by one of our talented parishioners! How wonderful is that gift!



SAVE THE DATE

Upcoming Fundraising Events for the Building Fund, New Roof Donations. Join us or Support us!

Sunday, April 12th ~ Filipino Luncheon - Noon to 2:00^{PM} followed by Divine Mercy Prayer Chaplet at 3:00^{PM}.

Saturday, May 16th ~ BBQ Dinner - Noon to 4:00^{PM} or until sold out! A Good Ole' community gathering! Tickets on Sale now! Don't Miss the FUN!

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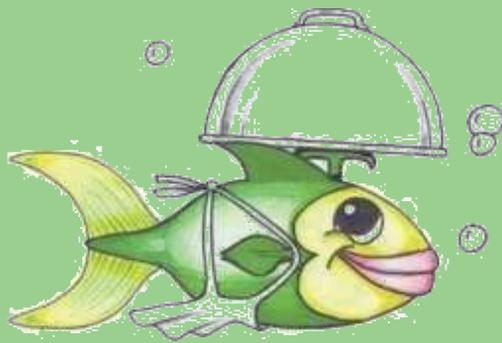
ROSARY MAKERS SALE

The Rosary Makers will be holding a Rosary Sale at all Masses next weekend. This is the only time they sell their Rosaries and they need to collect enough donations to buy their supplies and ship their rosaries for the next 2 years.

Since their last Sale 2 years ago they have grown from 4 Rosary Makers to 14. They have made 27,000 Rosaries, spent \$8,000 on supplies and \$1,000 to ship them all over the world. They make several different types of Rosaries...Regular Rosaries, Children's Rosaries, Car Rosaries, etc.

You don't have to buy a Rosary. They also accept cash donations. Donation jars will be located at all the entrances that you can just drop your donations into as well as envelopes that can be used for future donations. All donations are accepted.

The Rosary Makers continue to be incredibly grateful for the support of our Parishioners. That support is the reason they have been making Rosaries at St. Michael's for more than 35 years.



K of C Fish Fry

Friday, March 20th, from 4:00 to 6:00^{PM} in room 3 of the parish center. Dinner includes: Fish (baked or fried), coleslaw, fries and beverage. \$13 for adults and \$8 for kids.

Parish Rosary Program Update

Total Rosaries Prayed this week: 431

Total Rosaries Prayed Year to Date: 7,430

Total Weeks Reporting

17

Join the St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church Ladies Sodality for a fundraising cruise sailing round-trip from Tampa aboard the Celebrity Summit, **November 8-15, 2026**. Enjoy beautiful ports including Cozumel, Belize City, and Costa Maya while supporting our parish community. An information meeting will be held on **March 15 after the 9:00^{AM} and the 11:00^{AM} Masses in the Parish Center.**

For details or to reserve your cabin, contact Jessica McCulley at Jessica@GoldmarkTravel.com or call 727-862-3595.



The food pantry of St. Vincent de Paul needs your continued support. The number of neighbors we serve is increasing significantly. Food donations are especially appreciated. The more food donated, the more monetary funds can be used for other purposes in serving the poor and needy in our community. We are in most need of the following food items:

Pasta, spaghetti sauce, pork and beans, peanut butter, canned soup, tuna, canned vegetables, jelly, canned fruit, applesauce cups, canned chicken, pancake mix and cereal.

Items can be dropped in the barrels at the church entrances. Thank you for your generosity.

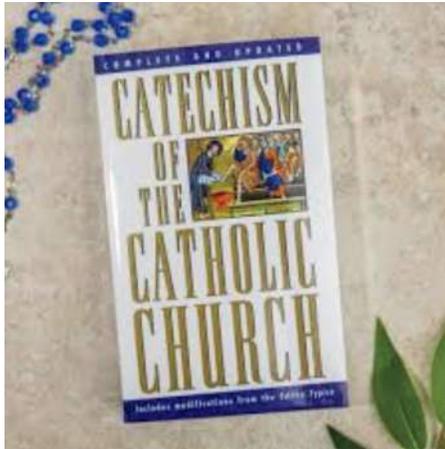


Understanding the Catechism

Monday Evenings

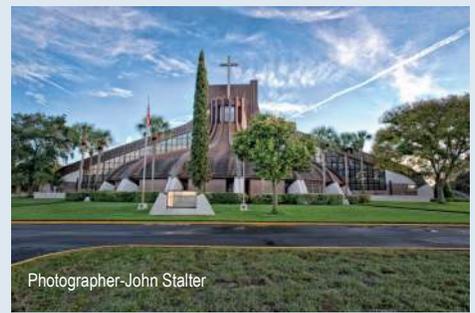
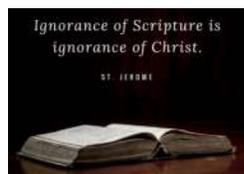
6:00 to 7:00 PM

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.

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, March 17th, beginning at 7:00^{PM} in room 4 of the parish center.



We are still open between Ash Wednesday and Easter! We would love to have you join us each Sunday. You are always welcome!



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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:_____



Every Tuesday afternoons in room 3 of the parish center from 1:00 to 3:00^{PM}.

A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week group, you will discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you will learn helpful ways of coping with grief. Each weekly group begins with a 30 minute video featuring respected experts on grief-related topics and helpful stories from people who have experienced loss.

For more information please contact Barbara at 379-1544 or balvarez@saintmichaelchurch.org

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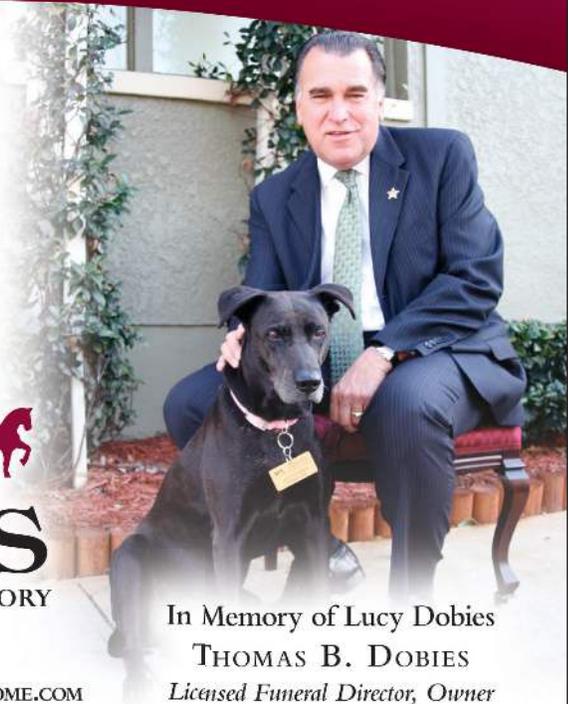
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