

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

THE PRIESTLY FRATERNITY OF ST. PETER

24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



The Second Coming

As today marks the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year, the Church puts before us readings in the mass that center around the "End Times" and the second coming of Christ. Make no mistake, as members of the true Church that Christ founded, await His second coming. "He will come again," as the Apostles' Creed says, "to judge the living and the dead." Until then we wait, and we prepare ourselves and the world for His advent.

Throughout the history of the Church, in every age, the faithful have been looking for the signs that are to precede His coming. Some of these signs are described by Christ today; the abomination of desolation standing in the holy place, false christs, false prophets that will perform wonders and lead others astray. Then tribulation will arise among the nations, before the sun and moon will

be darkened and the stars will fall from the heavens. Many holy writers as well as many writers who exploit current events to sell books, interpret every storm and crisis in the world as an apocalyptic event. It's easy to fall into this trap. But Our Lord warned us about this temptation too, "If anyone say to you, 'Behold, here is the Christ,' or 'There He is,' do not believe it." (Mt 24:23) He then tells us that, "As the lightning comes forth from the east and shines even to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be." Christ tells us to look for the signs that will come and be prepared for the events that will follow, He also wants us to know that He will come to all of us at once. He will come also, 'when we least expect it,' like 'a thief in the night.'

We can tend to waste a lot of time and energy looking for signs when Holy Mother Church has already given what to do and how to prepare for the coming of Christ. She pairs the Gospel passage of today with the words of St. Paul, "May you walk worthily of God and please Him in all things, bearing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God." (Col 1:10)

Persevere always, persevere in love and holiness of life.

-Fr. C. Mahowald FSSP

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LITURGY SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 20 - NOVEMBER 26

SUNDAY: 24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENT.
8:00 AM LOW MASS
10:15 AM HIGH MASS

MONDAY: PRESENTATION OF THE BVM
7:45 AM LOW MASS

TUESDAY: ST. CECILIA, VM
7:45 AM LOW MASS

WEDNESDAY: ST. CLEMENT I, PM
7:45 AM LOW MASS

THURSDAY: ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS, C
7:45 AM LOW MASS

FRIDAY: ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, VM
5:00 PM SOLEMN HOLY HOUR
6:00 PM LOW MASS

SATURDAY: ST. SYLVESTER, ABBOT
8:00 AM SOLEMN HOLY HOUR
9:00 AM MASS

CONFESSIONS
SUNDAY: 7:15 AM AND 9:30 AM
MON-THURS: 7:25AM - 7:40AM
FRIDAY: 5:10 PM - 5:40 PM
SATURDAY: 8:10 AM - 8:40 AM
OR BY APPOINTMENT

Announcements and Upcoming Events



St. Cecilia, feast day: November 22

Cecilia, a Roman virgin of noble birth, vowed her virginity to God at a very early age. Given in marriage against her will to Valerian, she persuaded him to leave her untouched and go to blessed Urban, the Pope, that when he had been baptized he might be worthy to see Cecilia's angelic protector. When Valerian had obtained this favor, he converted his brother Tiburtius to Christ, and a little later both were martyred under the prefect Almachius. But Cecilia was seized by the same prefect because she had distributed the two brothers' wealth to the poor, and orders were given to have her suffocated in a bath. When the heat dared not harm her, she was struck three times with an axe, and left half dead. After three days she received the palm of virginity and of martyrdom, and was buried in the cemetery of Callistus. Her body and those of Popes Urban and Lucius, and of Tiburtius, Valerian and Maximus were transferred by Pope Paschal I to the church in the City dedicated to St. Cecilia.

(From the Roman Breviary)

Thursday, December 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation

9:00 AM (Solemn) High Mass

6:00 PM Low Mass

Saturday, December 10

Candlelit Rorate Mass

6:00 AM Solemn High Mass

Christmas, Sunday, Dec 25th

12:00 am Midnight Mass

8:00 am Low Mass

10:15 am High Mass



**Christmas Pageant and Party
will follow the High Mass on
Sunday, January 8th**

1st Communion and Confirmation Classes Begin Next Sunday

Catechism classes will begin next Sunday November 27th after about 9:10 am in the parish hall. Mrs. Cathy Seeley will be teaching Confirmation and Mrs. Margot Davidson will instruct 1st communicants.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR

All children ages 5-15 are invited to sing in the Children's Christmas Choir which will sing one before Midnight Mass. Rehearsals will be every Sunday in Advent beginning around 12:00 pm and lasting around 1 hour. Our first rehearsal will be on Sunday, November 27th. The Children's Christmas binders will be ready to be picked up from the box in the choir loft. One binder per family please. Contact Mrs. Eileen Hanisch 570-780-9948 if you have any questions.

Pro-Life Talk and Pancake Breakfast Today after the High Mass!

The talk is free, for the breakfast:

\$6.00 a person or \$28.00 for a Large Family!

Proceeds will go to Benefit a Parish Bus to Attend the Annual Right to Life March in Washington D.C in January.

"The Lord says: "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."

JEREMIAH 29:11-12; 29:14



MASS INTENTIONS NOVEMBER 20 - 26

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM
Pro Populo
+Micahel Teoli
rb: Lori Teoli

Monday: 7:45 AM
Gabriel Teoli
rb: Lori Teoli

Tuesday: 7:45 am
Christian Teoli
rb: Lori Teoli

Wednesday: 7:45 AM
Gottlieb Teoli
rb: Lori Teoli

Thursday: 7:45 AM
Michael Teoli
rb: Lori Teoli

Friday: 6:00 PM
+Cecilia Davidson
rb: Pheasant Family

Saturday: 9:00 AM
Daniel & Megan Keifer
rb: Chris & Joyce Keifer