

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

THE PRIESTLY FRATERNITY OF ST. PETER CHRISTMAS



From a Sermon on Christmas by Pope St. Leo the Great

"Dearly beloved brethren, Unto us is born this day a Saviour, Luke ii. 11. Let us rejoice. It would be unlawful to be sad to day, for today is Life's Birthday; the Birthday of that Life, Which, for us dying creatures, taketh away the sting of death, and bringeth the bright promise of the eternal gladness hereafter. It would be unlawful for any man to refuse to partake in our rejoicing. All men have an equal share in the great cause of our joy, for, since our Lord, Who is the destroyer of sin and of death, findeth that all are bound under the condemnation, He is come to make all free. Rejoice, O thou that art holy, thou drawest nearer to thy crown! Rejoice, O thou that art sinful, thy Saviour offereth thee pardon! Rejoice

also, O thou Gentile, God calleth thee to life! For the Son of God, when the fulness of the time was come, which had been fixed by the unsearchable counsel of God, took upon Him the nature of man, that He might reconcile that nature to Him Who made it, and so the devil, the inventor of death, is met and beaten in that very flesh which hath been the field of his victory.

When our Lord entered the field of battle against the devil, He did so with a great and wonderful fairness. Being Himself the Almighty, He laid aside His uncreated Majesty to fight with our cruel enemy in our weak flesh. He brought against him the very shape, the very nature of our mortality, yet without sin. Heb. iv. 15. His birth however was not a birth like other births for no other is born pure, nay, not the little child whose life endureth but a day on the earth. To His birth alone the throes of human passion had not contributed, in His alone no consequence of sin had had part. For His Mother was chosen a Virgin of the kingly lineage of David, and when she was to grow heavy with the sacred Child, her soul had already conceived Him before her body. She knew the counsel of God announced to her by the Angel, lest the unwonted events should alarm her. The future Mother of God knew what was to be wrought in her by the Holy Ghost, and that her modesty was absolutely safe. -continued

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LITURGY SCHEDULE DECEMBER 25- 31

SUNDAY: CHRISTMAS DAY
12:00 AM SOLEMN HIGH MASS
(CAROLS SUNG 1 HOUR BEFORE)
8:00 AM LOW MASS
10:15 AM HIGH MASS

MONDAY: ST. STEPHEN, M
7:45 AM LOW MASS

TUESDAY: ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
7:45 AM LOW MASS

WEDNESDAY: HOLY INNOCENTS, MM
7:45 AM LOW MASS

THURSDAY: 5TH DAY OF CHRISTMAS
COMM: ST. THOMAS BECKETT
9:00 AM HIGH MASS
6:00 PM LOW MASS

FRIDAY: 6TH DAY OF CHRISTMAS
5:00 PM SOLEMN HOLY HOUR
6:00 PM LOW MASS

SATURDAY: 7TH DAY OF CHRISTMAS
COMM: ST. SYLVESTER
8:00 AM SOLEMN HOLY HOUR
9:00 AM LOW 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



Sunday, January 1st

**Feast of the Solemnity of Mary
aka the Circumcision,
aka the Octave of Christmas**

8:00 am Low Mass

10:15 am High Mass

Pope Leo continued-

Therefore, dearly beloved brethren, let us give thanks to God the Father, through His Son, in the Holy Ghost: Who, for His great love wherewith He loved us, hath had mercy on us and, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, Eph. ii. 4, 5, that in Him we might be a new creature, and a new workmanship. Let us then put off the old man with his deeds Col. iii. 9; and, having obtained a share in the Sonship of Christ, let us renounce the deeds of the flesh. Learn, O Christian, how great thou art, who hast been made partaker of the Divine nature, 2 Pet. i. 4, and fall not again by corrupt conversation into the beggarly elements above which thou art lifted. Remember Whose Body it is Whereof thou art made a member, and Who is its Head, 1 Cor. vi. 15. Remember that it is He That hath delivered thee from the power of darkness and hath translated thee into God's light, and God's kingdom, Col. i. 13." -From the Roman Breviary

Welcome Our Newest Catholic!

Saint Michael welcomes our newly baptized members:

Georgia Mary Imelda van Beek

Born: 12-13-2022 and baptized 12-20-2022



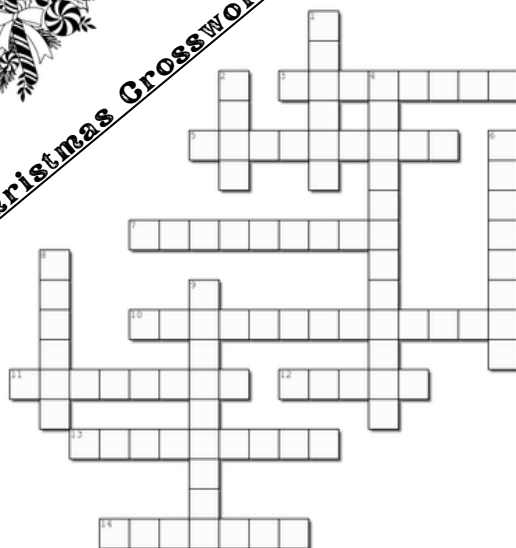
Youth Group This Friday! December 30

Bake Sale and Gard Sale Next Sunday!!!

Sunday, January 1: the youth planning to go to the Washington DC Pro-Life March are raising money for the bus with delicious baked goods and artisan stationary for sale in the Parish Hall. Please help them get to Washington!



Christmas Crossword



Across

3. Another wise man.
5. Angels appeared to them in their field near Bethlehem.
7. City of David.
10. Saint who established devotion to the Nativity Scene.
11. City of the Annunciation.
12. Condemned the Holy Innocents.
13. Was 'visited' by Mary.
14. Angel of the Annunciation.

Down

1. A Statue Replica of the Nativity Scene.
2. Leapt in the womb.
4. Feast on the Octave of Christmas.
6. Gloria in _____ Deo.
8. One of the Magi.
9. Yet another wise man.

*"Let us pray.
O God, Who have brightened this most holy night with the splendor of the true light, grant, we beseech You, that we may know in heaven the joy of that light which we have known mystically on earth."*

COLLECT OF THE
MIDNIGHT MASS ON CHRISTMAS

MASS INTENTIONS DECEMBER 25 - 31

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM
Pro Populo

Christmas Octave
rb: Intentions of Parishioners

Monday: 7:45 AM

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Tuesday: 7:45 AM

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Wednesday: 7:45 AM

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Thursday: 7:45 AM

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Friday: 6:00 PM

Christmas Octave
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Saturday: 9:00 AM

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